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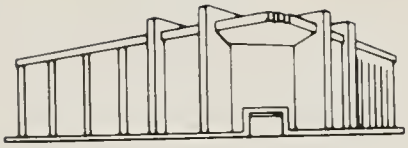

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A Grand Daughter, Kathryne Baker
(Mrs. Milton Brents Witty)

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WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER

Born October 10, 1830 in Licking County, Ohio, near Zanesville. Died August 8, 1884, Hamilton County, Texas.

William Thatcher Baker and his bride, Emily Elvira Beeman, taken on the second day of their marriage. They married September 18, 1856 in Parker County, Texas. Emily was born Jan. 8, 1841 at Dalby Springs, Bowie County, Texas.

LIFE OF WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER
1830--1884

William Thatcher Baker was a pioneer settler of Hamilton County, Texas, who bought land on Plum Creek and named the Ohio community after his native state when he became its first postmaster 4 May 1882. Besides being postmaster he farmed, raised stock, and operated a gin and a store. He was born near Zanesville, Ohio, in Licking County 10 October, 1830. His parents were Artemas Baker, lawyer, born 4 February, 1780, Templeton, Massachusetts, and Mehettable Conant, born 24 July, 1793, at Becket, Massachusetts. They were married at Windham, Portage County, Ohio, 17 August, 1813.

William's brother Artemas, Jr., was responsible for the family's leaving Ohio and settling in Texas where he had been living a year. The following account is a story of the trip to Texas and a bit about their early days there copied from The Lone Star State Biographical History of Dallas County, Texas, published by the Lewis Publishing Company 1892, page 574.

> "Artemas Baker Jr.[1] a prominent pioneer of Dallas County, Texas, dates his birth April 14, 1821. His parents were Artemas Baker and Mehettable Conant Baker, natives of Massachusetts. The father when young moved with his parents to New Hampshire. The mother was reared near Cape Cod, the place of her birth. When 16 years old she in company with her father's family went west and located in Portage County, Ohio, in Windham Township. About the same time, in 1806 or 1807[2] Mr. Baker landed in the same neighborhood, having made the trip from New Hampshire on foot.

1. See Appendix No. 1
2. Note: These dates are incorrect. History of Portage County, Ohio, Chicago, Beers & Co. 1885, state that colonists did not come to Portage County until summer of 1811 so Artemas came after that time.

He settled in Ravenna, the County seat of Portage County and took up the practice of law, he having previously prepared himself for this profession. It was there he met and married Miss Mehettable (Manly) Conant, native of Massachusetts. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Baker moved to Wheeling Creek. From there he moved to Bridgeport[3], Belmont County, Ohio, where he continued to practice his profession for a number of years.

"About 1825 he took a contract on what was known as the National Military Pike. On this he was engaged five years. He also interested himself in agricultural pursuits, having bought a farm west of Zanesville, Ohio. From that place he moved to the Narrows of Licking Creek where he extensively engaged in quarrying rock, boating on the Ohio Canal and rafting logs for a number of years. He was also engaged in building canal boats.

"In the fall of (October) 1849, he, with several others, boarded a canal boat and floated to New Orleans, La., from there by steamer to Shreveport, La., and thence by ox team to the location where Hutchins now stands, and reaching his destination on April 4, 1850.

"Mr. Baker was the father of 17 children, several dying in infancy. Nine came to Texas and four are still living in this state. He bought land on Bear Creek, near where Lancaster is now located and lived there until his death October 11, 1853. (He is buried in Rawlins Cemetery-K.B.Witty, 1966.) Mrs. Baker survived her husband. She died May 22, 1873.

"Artemas Baker, Jr., preceded his father to this state April 5, 1848. He took a Headright of half a section of land on the Trinity River about 14 miles southwest of where Dallas now stands. Dallas then consisted of only a few log cabins. The first year Mr. Baker spent in Texas was a memorable one to him. He had the varioloid and afterward the yellow jaundice. His companion, William Welsh, took smallpox from him and Mr. Baker nursed him through his sickness. Previous to his coming to Texas he had been working on a large steamer, plying between New Orleans and Cincinnati and it was on this trip from Shreveport to Dallas that he was attacked with varioloid.

"In the fall of 1848, he returned to Ohio and remained one year. November 8, 1849, he married Miss Lavina Bordner, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., and a daughter of Peter Christiana (Lash) Bordner of the same place. She is one of a

family of 13 children, 12 of whom lived to marry and have large families. Mrs. Baker's mother is still living in Fulton County, Illinois, with her son, Washington Bordner, at the advanced age of 102, having been born October 26, 1789. She and Mr. Bordner were married in 1810 and lived together 71 years. At his death he lacked less than ten months of being 100 years old. Mother Bordner's descendants two years ago, living and dead were as follows: Children 13, grandchildren 99, great grandchildren 217, great, great grandchildren 24, total 353, and this number has since been increased. During the past eight years she has made three trips to Texas to visit her children.

"Soon after his marriage Mr. Baker returned to Texas, locating near where he had taken a headright on his previous trip. The following fall he moved to Corsicana and worked at the trade of shoemaker there for two years. Then he formed a partnership with Cornelius Vernoy and turned his attention to farming on the headwaters of Chambers Creek, near Alvorado. In the winter of 1854-55 he left this place and went to Jack County, settling on the West Fork of Keatchie Creek. While there the Indians became hostile and settlers had to build forts for protection. At the time Mrs. Baker was summoned to attend a neighbor, Mrs. Cameron, during confinement. On account of the strange actions of the Indians she was afraid to venture from home and persuaded Mr. Cameron to bring his wife to her house. He returned for that purpose, but never came back, he and his wife and three children having been murdered by the red men.

"In 1861 Mr. Baker moved to Dallas County to his present location. His farm at that time was in its wild state, now it is one of the best improved places in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are parents of seven children: Helen Brundage, wife of Andrew Brundage, who is Mayor of Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas; Kate, wife of William Fitzpatrick, lives on the farm with Mr. Baker; Sallie, wife of James Brundage; Baylor, who married Miss Mattie Hinkle and lives in Wichita County, Texas; May, who wedded J. T. Cates, died in 1890 leaving three children; Bell, wife of Samuel Waldren, resides in North Bend, Nebraska.

"During the war, Mr. Baker was in the Confederate service two years. He was commissioned to make shoes and harness, working in Dallas. He is now comfortably situated, surrounded with all the comforts of life. He is an active temperance worker and is regarded as one of the representative citizens of the county."

3. See Appendix 1

Various members of the Baker family bought land in Dallas County. Mehettable (spelled Mahitable in Vol. E, Page 293 in Deed Records), William's mother, paid the W. C. Shelton heirs $100 for 320 acres of land on 18 Jan., 1856 and she did "grant bargain and sell and release unto William T. Baker assignee of Mahitable Baker all the tract of land situated as follows" --- in Dallas County on Bear Creek about 15 miles S 5 E from Dallas. William bought 160 acres on January, 1857, (Vol. E, Page 662) and another 160 acres 4 February, 1857, (Vol. E, Page 663). The Deed Records show that Levina (Lavina) and Artemas were buyers of good-sized tracts of land also.

In the special session of September Term of Dallas County Court 1865, William was granted a license to keep a ferry about one and a half miles below Dowdy's ferry on the Trinity River for one year from September, 1865. On March 9, 1866, he bought 20 acres on the S.W. bank of the Trinity River which included the landing place of his ferry which he had established a few months earlier (Vol. J, Page 185).

The Franchise

The State of Texas — In the County Court of said

County of Dallas — County Special September Term 1865

Whereas, William T. Baker has been granted leave by the County Court of said County to keep a ferry in said County about one and a half miles below Dowdy's ferry on the Trinity River, and whereas the said Wm. T. Baker has paid the required Tax, as appears from the receipt of the County Treasurer by him produced, and has given bond as required by Law. Therefore, the said Wm. T. Baker is hereby authorized to keep a ferry at the crossing aforesaid, for the Term of one year from the 25th day of September, 1865, and to charge for crossing thereat, according to the following rates of ferriage, towit:

For each Footman	.05
For Man & Horse	.10
For Horse and Buggy	.25
For Wagon or Carriage with 1 Span of Horses or Oxen	.25
For Wagon with 2 Span of Horses or Oxen	.40
For Wagon with 3 Span of Horses or Oxen	.50
For Wagon with 4 Span of Horses or Oxen	.60
For Wagon with 5 or more Span of Horses or Oxen	.75
For each head of loose Horses or Cattle	.05
For each head of Sheep or Hogs	.02½

For which this shall be his sufficient License.

In Testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County Court, Dallas County, Texas, this the 23rd day of October, 1865.

Wm. J. Dunn Clk. Co. Ct. D. Co. Tex.
By J. (?) P. Thomas, Dpty.

On 18 September, 1856, William married Emily Elvira Beeman, daughter of James Jackson Beeman and wife Sarah Crawford Beeman. The Beemans had preceded the Bakers to Texas ten years before, and like them the Beemans moved farther west with each new generation as the Indians were driven back. Emily was born 8 January, 1841, in a covered wagon about four weeks after the family had crossed the boundary line into Texas 6th of December 1840, to camp in Bowie County at Dalby Springs. James, his brother John and family, and nephew John S. Beeman rented land in this County while waiting for titles to their land which they were to get as members of Peters Colony.[4]

In that first spring they joined a company of 400 men headed by General E. H. Tarrant to drive back the Indians from the settlements west of there along the Trinity River. After a few months they moved to Bird's Fort 22 miles west of Dallas. In January of 1842 Col. John Neely Bryan rode into Fort Bird and asked the families living at the Fort to move to his location where the West Fork and the Elm Fork of the Trinity River meet. About the first of April the Beemans loaded their wagon[5] which was the only one in the group, and drove to the proposed townsite cutting their way through the river bottoms arriving at the embryo Dallas on the third day.

4. See Appendix No. 2

5. Note: On 16 July 1872, when the old Houston and Texas Central Railroad depot was opened in Dallas with five or six thousand people in attendance the "city dignitaries who spoke that day were John Neely Bryan, who built the first cabin in Dallas, and James J. Beeman, who brought the first covered wagon here". The quotation and information is from article by Karen Martin in THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Friday Sept., 1963, entitled "State Fair Rescues Oldest Dallas Depot".

Sarah, James' wife, died 8 March 1848. A year later, when gold was discovered in California, James decided to seek his fortune there. He left his children, Mary Jane, age 10, Emily Elvira, age 8, Francis M., age 5, and Anice, age 3, and a negro woman to care for them. They lived in a log cabin with their cousin Margaret, who had married John Neely Bryan in February 1843. The 1850 census names these children and the Negro as members of the Bryan household.

James returned in 1850 but without the fortune. The following year on 29th of November 1851 he married Elizabeth (Betty) Baker[6], William's sister, who had taught the Beeman children for several years. This made Elizabeth William's step-mother-in-law after he married Emily Elvira Beeman in 1856.

In 1854 James "exchanged his headright for merchandise and moved to Parker County.[7] He established a trading post and stage stop at his farm on the Fort Worth Belknap Road about 5 miles northeast of the present town of Weatherford. While living there the first County Court[8] of Parker County was held in the post oak grove on the Beeman Farm. Later he moved into town and operated his business there and was appointed postmaster, the fourth one of Weatherford, serving from February 17, 1858 to September 20, 1858.[9] It was while living here that William and Emily married 18 September 1856 and went to live in Dallas County.

6. Note: Scott Beeman told this to F. M. Cockrell in 1927 interview printed in the DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

7. See Appendix No. 3.

8. See Appendix No. 4.

9. See Appendix No. 5.

Having been reared in Ohio by New England parents where all their ancestors many generations before had been nurtured in a land where slavery was unprofitable and frowned upon, William was an abolitionist. In 1850 when the Bakers came to Dallas County there were 2,536 white people, 207 Negroes, and only 44 bales of cotton raised. This indicates that most of the settlers had no economical use for slaves, or were abolitionists. The Baker family fell into this last group. They had possessed no slaves in Ohio and they owned none in their new home. Whether wittingly or unwittingly William's barn was used at times as a station of the "underground railway" in which runaway slaves spent the day then traveled by night to the next stop, in order to escape detection. Some time before the Civil War between the states he had a narrow escape from death. Some of the incensed slave owners met and marched to his home to hang him for participating, as they thought, in the escape of slave property. Just as the going became rough James A. Keller, an influential man in Lancaster, came forward and said that he would vouch for Baker's innocence. With that statement William was saved from an untimely end. When Texas seceded from the Union he served his adopted state faithfully and well by making shoes for the Confederate soldiers. Texas was his home, he loved it, and he was a loyal citizen.

Conscription was resorted to by both North and South and was opposed in both sections. The following explains why William was not in the Army of the Confederacy:

"William T. Baker, a conscript and a resident of Dallas County, Texas, age 31 years 5 feet 9 inches high hazel eyes and brown hair, born in the State of Ohio and by occupation a farmer, having taken the oath prescribed and having presented to me a certificate of disability, signed by the Conscript

Surgeon appointed for Dallas County, Texas is hereby discharged from military duty, as a Conscript on account of physical disability, Dallas, Texas, August 8th, 1862.

Jno. C. McCoy
Enrolling officer
Dallas Co., Texas

The following letter was written by William's father, Artemas, to his oldest child, Mehettable, born June 12, 1816, at Bridgeport, Ohio[10], who married Oswin Teagarden at Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, October 14, 1841. She and her husband moved to Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas, and were living there when Artemas wrote to her in 1852 describing conditions:

"Pleasant Run Dallas Co. Texas
March 11th 1852

Dear Son and Daughter,

The children here have done most of the writing between us for some time. I have not heard from you for some time.

My own health is now pretty good though through the winter I have been feeble and spiritless. The rest of us are in good health. I suppose you have heard of the marriages of Betsy and Mary.

Betsy has married a man of the name of James Beeman, a widower with six (?) children. His children are agreeable, well raised. Betsy had taught them for near two years. They were fond of her. Betsy was well acquainted with Mr. Beeman. He is a man of handsome property and appears to be a kind husband. I think her prospects fair. Mr. Vernoy, Mary's husband, was an old batchelor,

10. Note: Mehettable Teagarden died near Ronda, in Wilbarger County, Texas, May 6, 1898, and is buried in Palestine, Texas, in the new cemetery on the N.E. Corner of Lot No. 22 in Block No. 2. Oswin Teagarden, born in Wheeling, West Virginia, May 13, 1812, died in Palestine, Texas, on March 28, 1887. He is buried in the same lot with his wife.

an old settler in Texas, a man of business, apparently. A man of considerable property. He has been over to visit us. I like his appearance. I hope they are both well married. Artemas has gone into partnership with Vernoy (after working? work for him a year or more) in farming, & perhaps in shoe making too. They are locating in Chambers Creek about 40 miles south of us.

Samuel Phelps has traded his horses, wagon, and rifle for half section of land, at one mile from our location. We have only three days ago decided on our location and had the survey made so we and Samuel are now settled at a nice distance on a stream we call Bear Creek - - on the south line of Dallas County 5 miles from the Post Office where this letter is mailed.

I should like to know how you are coming and what are your prospects and expectations.

This is a country, rich fertile, healthy. From the best information as good a country as in the state. It is fast improving and settling; the last Gen'l Assembly has done much to settle and grant land titles which is a great advantage. We have a village just started within two miles of us, with fair prospects. The best mill in the county, two stores came in within a few months. Prospects of ? ? Lots are as yet given to settlers. Whether you trade or whatever business you follow, you might do well somewhere here. I should like to see you settle in this or one of the adjoining counties. In the village near me you might do well with a store or with a fashionable boot or shoe shop. We have plenty of coarse workmen that can make a sort of brown shoe, many make their own, but I know of no one but Artemas in this part of the state that can make good fashionable boots or a fine shoe. Dairying, wool growing, are first rate businesses here. Corn or wheat or oats growing, well attended to will make any man rich. One neighbor of ours sold the oats he raised on 5 acres of land by carrying about 50 miles to a fort for $300.

There are very few slaves in this part of the state nor much prospects of more. Our limestone land is not as good as the sandy parts of the state for cotton. Sugar it is thought may be raised here to profit for family, supplies, but not for market. Wheat, corn and oats are the most valuable crops we can raise. The most certain money making business in our country.

I want exceedingly to see you all. I much wish to see the children. Do write. Let me know all that concerns you.

Your father, A. Baker Rusk County, Texas"

Mr. Oswin & Mrs. Mehettable Teagarden
(Letter postmarked March 24, 1852).

One Christmas sometime in the late 1860's after the Bakers had acquired the store, ferry, and three tracts of land, they were hard pressed for funds. There was no money to buy presents for the children. Emily rose to the occasion in her capable way by making a large batch of molasses cookies which pleased everyone mightily and brightened their Christmas Day.

At the time William was operating his ferry and buying the 20 acres at one of the ferry sites in 1866, he also had a store and four children under nine years of age. They were Mehettable, James Artemas, Francis Houston, and William Thatcher, Jr. He had to make a trip to Galveston with an oxteam to haul the merchandise he bought for the store in Lancaster. On the return journey he stopped to buy a gift for Emily at Millican, then a thriving railroad terminal and the crossroads for many stage lines traveling in all directions. He went to Sanger Bros. Store[11] and chose a large rectangular 30-hour weight clock with a fruitwood frame which keeps perfect time today, when one thinks to wind it. When he arrived home with it Emily presented him with a baby girl, Jane Emily, born 12th of October. After Emily's death, the clock was given to Jane, who was as old as the clock was. When Jane stopped keeping house she gave it to her niece, Kathryne Baker Witty and husband Brents who had lived with her the first two years of their marriage.

The following poem by Emily and William's youngest child, Angelina Alice (called Angie, now Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson) was written by her in her eighty-sixth year about the clock:

11. See Appendix 5

THE OLD CLOCK

The first thing I can remember
Is the fireplace and the mantel above,
It held the old family clock
Which had kept time with trials and love.

When we left the old farm home,
We brought with us the old clock,
Having no fireplace it stood on a shelf
Keeping time for thirty hours, then it would stop.

This was caused by old weights slipping off,
And having to be placed back in line.
For years my mother could do this,
But she grew old and weak with the time.

It was a pleasure for Forrest to help,
And I can almost hear her say,
"You will have to fix the old clock,
So we can tell the time of day".

A granddaughter Kathryne wanted this clock,
Has it in her kitchen on display,
Long since, quit marking time,
Or passing the minutes away.

I remember an hour glass stood by the clock,
Don't know why it was laid aside,
I'm so grateful for the memories of long ago,
They linger on and in my mind still abide.

Angie Baker Nicholson,
86 years old, 1969.

Being the true pioneer that he was, and his forefathers before him, it wasn't long before William looked longingly to the west and bought 320 acres on the head of Plum Creek (which was patented to James H. Sparks, Ass'ee of Martin H. Gunter) for $640 from A. C. Ford of Coryell County, on August 10, 1877. He sent his two oldest boys, James Artemas and Francis Houston, to the new farm to oversee the building of the new house -- a story and a half with the addition of what was then called a shed room on two sides.

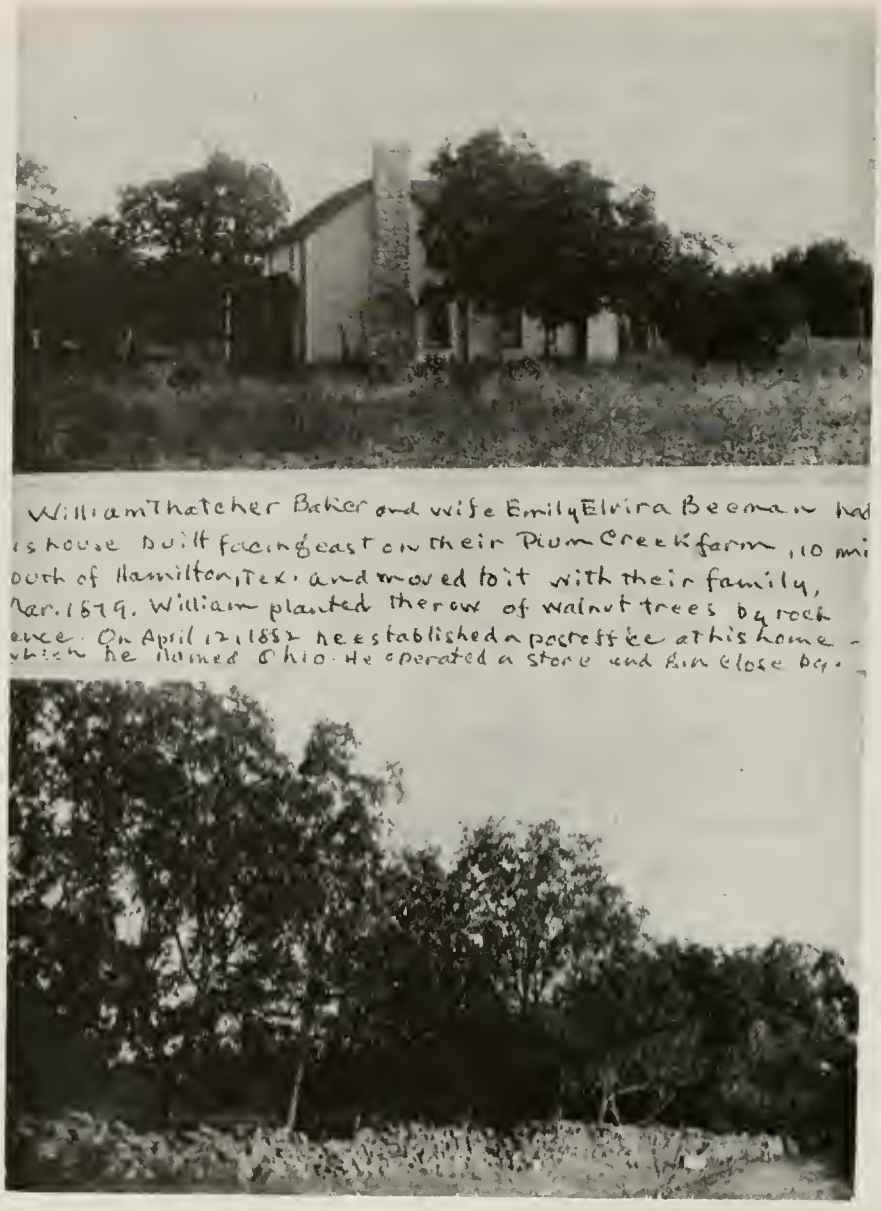
The family moved to their new home in March, 1879. When Emily saw the new house which wasn't as large as the one in Pleasant Run[12] she shed tears of disappointment. The house was set in a beautiful location not many rods from Plum Creek which ran crystal clear over a rocky bottom into a very deep hole of water nearby. The cowboys used the cattle trail, a feeder to the Chisholm Trail, which ran close to the house. They bedded their herds near the spring-fed hole. Emily would often bake pans of hot cornbread and take to the cattle drivers camped there for the night.

William brought walnuts from his home in Dallas and planted them. He dragged large smooth rocks from the creek bed for steps to pave the areas around the doorways. He built a gin on the banks of the creek. On May 4, 1882, with the help of his friend A. B. Norton, Dallas County lawyer and newspaper publisher of Norton's Intelligencer, he obtained a postoffice for his neighborhood and was appointed the first postmaster, a place held at the time of his death. He named the office Ohio.

Six years before the family left Pleasant Run a son was born (9 September, 1873) who was named Norton Amos. Norton for A. B. Norton and Amos for a distant kinsman, Amos Baker, a school teacher,[13] No. 1 Derne Street, Boston, Massachusetts,

12. Later Called Lancaster.

13. NOTE: Albert Clark Baker of Decorah, Iowa, who wrote Geneology and History of the Baker, Andrus, Clark, and Adams Families (1920) found the geneological records that Amos Baker had collected at the New England Historical Society, 1154 Boylston St. Boston, Mass. They had been given to the society by his grandson, Leslie Talbot Baker, 37 Newbury St., Boston. These family records were of great help to Mr. Baker when he was writing his book.



William Thatcher Baker and wife Emily Elvira Beeman had this house built facing east on their Plum Creek farm, 10 miles south of Hamilton, Texas and moved to it with their family March 1879. William planted the row of walnut trees by the rock fence. On April 12, he established a postoffice at his home which he named Ohio. He operated a store and a gin close by.

with whom William corresponded and who planned to write a book on the Baker family, but did not complete the task. A letter from him dated May, 1882, told of his project. When Norton Amos was a very small boy the senior Amos sent his namesake a dollar. When William was writing to Amos sometime later he asked Norton what he wished to say to his kinsman. Norton said, "Tell him to send me another dollar."

Emily and William found their neighbors in their new home to be good people of culture and refinement, some of whom were Keller, Stiles, Massie, Elam[14], Moore, Smith and Ballard -- to name a few. One of the first things they did was to establish the Live Oak School. A granite shaft has been erected on the site of it at the entrance of the cemetery on which is inscribed the names of the founding trustees and William's name is one of these.

After the family moved to Hamilton County, Mary Oconasta was born, 7 July 1880. She was named for William's sister, born 11 June 1818, who married Cornelius Vernoy, and died at Corsicana 1 August 1852. Oconasta (name) was given to the first Mary in gratitude to an Indian woman by that name who befriended some of the Bakers in Ohio. The last child was Angelina Alice, born 26 February, 1883. She was named for Artemas' youngest sister Angelina Gray Baker, born 25 October, 1839, who married James B. Gilliland in Weatherford at James and Elizabeth Beeman's home.

In the summer of 1884 William became ill and after a few days illness he died 12 August of an ailment which would now be diagnosed as appendicitis. He was buried in the Live Oak Cemetery. Later his body was moved to the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in

14. See Appendix No. 6

Hamilton.

The following obituary appeared in Norton's Union Intelligencer [15] after William's death and is in the possession of his youngest daughter, Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson, Hamilton, Texas:

> "The departed year had its sad memories in the death roll it presented to our view. Among the number of old patrons of the Intelligencer was the following friend:
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> "W. T. Baker was born in Licking County, Ohio, on October 10th, 1830, and emigrated to Texas in the spring of 1850, settling in the Pleasant Run Country four miles southwest of Lancaster.
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> "He married Miss Emily E. Beeman near Weatherford, in Parker County and remained on his farm in Dallas County until the spring of 1879, when he moved to Plum Creek, Hamilton County, where he continued to reside until death overtook him on the morning of 18th of August, 1884.
>
> "His principal occupation during life was farming, he was honest, industrious, charitable, and generous. He was very zealous in behalf of temperance and good morals. Possessed of an investigative mind he was a diligent inquirer for the truth and when satisfied he was in the right, was a firm and unmovable Rock of Gibraltar. He was on the Intelligencer list from the start and never faltered or wavered in the support of the Constitution and the Union. He endured much obloquy and persecution for his devotion to the Stars and Stripes but firmly and bravely he pursued the even tenor of his way until all men who knew him came to respect and love him for his own integrity and worth.
>
> "In his new home he made good improvements and had procured after long effort the establishment of a post office called Ohio of which he was postmaster at the time of his death.
>
> "There his family resides, and his boys, emulating the example of their father will always have friends and helpers."

After William's death Emily continued to live at the Plum Creek farm and with the help of some of the younger boys she ran

15. See Appendix No. 7.

the farm. In 1889 she moved into town where the educational advantages were better. On 12 September 1893, she married the Rev. David Thomas Holmes who was the minister of the Methodist Church in Hamilton for the year 1891. She returned to the farm with David where he proved to be an excellent farmer.

David died 26 June, 1905, age 73, of debility at the home of his daughter Nannie and her husband Dr. Charles H. McCollum at Hico, Texas. Emily died after a short illness 22 February 1920, and was buried at William's side in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Hamilton.

William Thatcher Baker and Emily Elvira Beeman Baker were the parents of twelve children, named in order of date of birth:[16]

I	Sarah Mehettable	VII	Charles Curtis
II	James Artemas	VIII	Norton Amos
III	Francis Houston	IX	John Beeman
IV	William Thatcher	X	Margaret May
V	Jane Emily	XI	Mary Oconasta
VI	Elizabeth Scythia	XII	Angelina Alice

16. NOTE: Succeeding generations begin on Page 62, Appendix 8.

The following poem was chosen by Wm. T. Baker as a tribute to his wife, Emily Elvira Beeman, 1881.

AS GOOD AS GOLD

Though fond of jollity--
I have a quiet life,
And love a cozy evening passed
At home with my dear wife;
She brought me neither house nor land
Her worth could soon be told,
But she's a fortune in herself,
And that's as good as gold.

She does not wear the finest robes
Nor dress in silk attire;
But then if she looks fair to me
What more could I desire?
Our home is not the grandest, but,
As it keeps out the cold,
It pleases me, and pleases her,
And that's as good as gold.

When matters go a little wrong,
And fortune seems to frown,
If one's wife is true as gold,
One can't be long cast down;
For when I reach my home at night,
She does not fret and scold,
But always greets me with a smile,
And that's as good as gold.

Contented folks are happier,
Than they who have great wealth;
For gold does not buy happiness,
Nor can it purchase health;
My wife and I will be content,
When we have grown old,
To be as happy then as now;
And that's as good as gold.

Author unknown.

Above picture was taken in Dallas, Texas in August of 1906.

Top row: Norton Amos Baker, John Beeman Baker, William Thatcher Baker.

Bottom row: Charles Curtis Baker, Mother Emily Elvira Beeman Baker Holmes, James Artemas Baker, and Francis Houston Baker.

Each one wears a State Republican Convention badge with picture of William Howard Taft, candidate for the Presidency. The six sons were attending the Convention.

Home of Emily Elvira Beeman Baker Holmes, built in 1911, in Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas. It was here that the first Family Reunion was held May 29, 1912. All twelve children were present.

The first family reunion, held May 29, 1912, in Hamilton, Texas. From left to right, top row: John Beeman Baker, Norton Amos Baker, Charles Curtis Baker, William Thatcher Baker, Francis Houston Baker, James Artemas Baker; bottom row: Angelina Alice Baker Nicholson, Mary Oconasta Baker Boone, Margaret May Baker Lynn, Mother Emily Elvira Beeman Baker Holmes, Sarah Mehettable Baker Shannon, Jane Emily Baker Edgar, and Elizabeth Scytha Baker Holland.

The First Baker Reunion in Hamilton, Texas May 29, 1912.

Back row: Dr. William Thatcher Baker and wife Nannie Key Baker; Leo Martin Baker, Betty Martin Baker, Hazle Baker, Francis Houston Baker, Lenn Baker, Dr. Charles Curtis Baker, Charles Curtis Baker, Jr., Alma Nicholson Baker, Alma Baker, Kathryne Baker.

Next row: Jane Baker Edgar, Ralph Piper Edgar, Meda Baker Honea, baby, James Artemas Baker, Mehettable Baker Shannon, Elizabeth Baker Holland, David Bunch Holland, Jr., David Bunch Holland, Sr., Gay Miller Baker, Norton Amos Baker.

Bottom row: Jacob Forrest Nicholson with daughter Angeline Nicholson, Angelina Alice Baker Nicholson with Jacob Forrest Nicholson, Jr., John Beeman Baker, Mother Emily Elvira Beeman Baker Holmes, Mary Oconasta Baker Boone, with William Bascomb Boone, The Rev. John Lynn, Margaret May Baker Lynn, Erma Baker.

Sitting in front: Moe Silverberg Holland, Ned Baker Holland, and Berin U. Holland.

The six daughters of Emily Elvira Beeman Baker Holmes taken in 1914.
Top row: Mrs. John Lynn (Margaret May Baker), Mrs. Malcolm Alvah Boone (Mary Oconasta Baker), Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson (Angelina Alice Baker);
Bottom row: Mrs. David Bunch Holland (Elizabeth Scythia Baker), Mrs. Ralph Piper Edgar (Jane Emily Baker), Mother Emily Elvira Beeman Baker Holmes, and Mrs. James Alexander Shannon (Sarah Mehettable Baker)

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Through both of his parents, Thatcher Conant and Elizabeth Manley, William Thatcher Baker is descended from several of the Mayflower passengers of 1620:

> Elder William Brewster, Patience Brewster, his daughter, Governor William Bradford, James Chilton and wife, Mary Chilton, John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley, and Desire Howland. These genealogical lines have been given to the family in previous meetings of the Baker family.

Emily Elvira Beeman and parents, James Jackson Beeman and Sarah Crawford, are listed in the book FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, Lineages of the Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, First Edition, Copyright by The Daughters of The Republic of Texas, 1963.

NOTE: - It is interesting to know that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow traces his ancestry to Elder William Brewster and three other Pilgrims.

EVANGELINE - A Tale of Acadia, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow with a biographical Sketch, Introduction and Notes by H. E. Scudder.

Statement of Line of Eligibility for Membership in the

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDENTS

1. Gov. William Bradford of the Mayflower. Born at Austerfield, Yorkshire, England, on March 19, 1589; died May 9, 1657, at _____. Married (2) Mrs. Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, born C. 1590, died 1670. (She came on Ship "Anne", July 1623. They were married at Plymouth, August 24, 1623.

Their son was

2. William Bradford, born June 17, 1624 at Plymouth, died Feb. 20, 1703/4 at Plymouth. Married 2 _____ _____ Wiswall, born _____, died _____

Their son was

3. Joseph Bradford, born c. 1674, died Jan. 16, 1747, at New London, Conn. Married (1) Ann Fitch on Oct. 1696, at Lebanon, Conn. She was born April 1675 at Norwich, Conn. Died Oct. 7, 1715, at Lebanon, Conn.

Their daughter was

4. Ann Bradford, born 1699, died _____ married 1723, Timothy Dimmock, born 1698, died _____

Their son was

5. Timothy Dimmock, born 1726, died 1795, married ____ Desire _____ born 1733, died 1802.

Their daughter was

6. Eunice (Dimmock) Curley, born 1753, died 1801. She married (?) Asa Manley, born 1735, died 1799, at Coventry, Conn. (Asa Manley served as a Minute Man and served as a Private in the Lexington Alarm. See Nat. Society Daughters of American Colonists, Vol. II, 1930.)

Their daughter was

7. Elizabeth Manley born Feb. 2, 1769, died Oct. 1, 1843, Married (1) on March 5, 1789, Thatcher Conant, born March 2, 1767, died July 17, 1840.

Their daughter was

8. Mehettable Conant, born at Beckett, Mass., July 24, died May 22, 1873, at Lancaster, Texas. Married at Windom, Portage Co., Ohio, on Aug. 17, 1813, to Artemas Baker, born at Gerry, Mass., on Feb. 4, 1780, died at Lancaster, Texas on Oct. 11, 1853.

Their son was

9. William Thatcher Baker born at Licking County, Ohio, on Oct. 10, 1830, died at Hamilton County, Texas, on Aug. 12, 1884, married at Parker County, on Sept. 18, 1856, to Emily Elvira Beeman, born at Dalby Springs (Bowie County, Texas) on Jan. 8, 1841, died at Hamilton, Texas, on Feb. 22, 1920.

* Artemas Baker (according to the Boston Library information) was born at Templeton, Mass., as Gerry was not formed until 1786.

Statement of Eligibility for Membership in the
SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDENTS

1. James Chilton and wife, _____ _____ and daughter Mary. All three were Mayflower passengers.

Their daughter was

2. Mary Chilton, first to step on Plymouth Rock, born c. 1605, died before 23rd of October 1678 and May 1679, at Boston. Married Oct. 12, 1624, to John Winslow, born April 16, 1597, at Droitwich, England, died before May 21, 1674, at Boston. (He came in the "Fortune" 1621.

Their daughter was

3. Mary Winslow, born before 1635, died after Oct. 28, 1663, and before Nov. 1665. Married Jan. 16, 1650, at Plymouth to Edward Gray, born c. 1629, died "ye last of June", 1681, at Plymouth.

Their son was

4. John Gray born 1750, died 1814. Married 1770, to Susanna (Rider) born in 1753, died 1838.

Their daughter was:

5. Anna Gray, died after 1733 (?) married 1831/32 Thatcher Freeman, born in 1710.

Their daughter was

6. Lydia Freeman born in 1733, died Jan. 16, 1808 (probably at Beckett, Mass.,) married 1761 (his 4th wife) George Conant, born Jan. 12, 1723, Plymouth, died March 3, 1792, Beckett, Mass.

Their son was

7. Thatcher Conant, born March 2, 1767, Barnstable, Mass., died July 17, 1840, Windom, Ohio. Married March 3, 1789, at Beckett, Mass. to Elizabeth Manley born Feb. 9, 1769, Coventry, Conn. died Oct. 1st, 1843, at Windom, Ohio. (The family moved to Ohio in 1811.)

Their daughter was

8. Mehettable Conant, born at Beckett, Mass., on July 24, 1793, died at Lancaster, Texas, on May 22, 1873,

married at Windom, Portage County, Ohio or Lancaster, N. H. on Aug. 17, 1813, to Artemas Baker, born at Templeton, Mass. (Gerry in 1786) on Feb. 4, 1780, died at Lancaster, Texas, on Oct. 11, 1853.

Their son was

9. William Thatcher Baker, born at Licking County, Ohio, on Oct. 10, 1830, died at Hamilton County, Texas, on Aug. 12, 1884, married at Parker County, Texas 5 mi. north of Weatherford, Texas, on Sept. 13, 1856, to Emily Elvira Beeman, born at Dalby Springs, Bowie County, Texas on Jan. 8, 1841, died at Hamilton, Texas on Feb. 22, 1920.

Statement of Eligibility for Membership in the
SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDENTS

1. John Howland born 1592/3 died Feb. 23, 1672, and wife, Elizabeth (Tilley) born 1697, married 1623 after August 14, died Dec. 21, 1687, age 80. Both were passengers on the Mayflower. Elizabeth's parents John Tilley and wife Elizabeth (Comyngs) were also passengers on the Mayflower.

Their daughter was

2. Desire Howland, born in Barnstable, Mass., died 1683; married John Gorham in 1643. He was born 1621, died 1675/76.

Their daughter was

3. Lydia Gorham, born _____ died _____ married to John Thatcher, born _____ died _____

Their daughter was

4. Lydia Thatcher born _____ died _____ Married Joseph Freeman born 1682, died 1756.

Their son was

5. Thatcher Freeman, born 1710, died _____ married 1731/32 to Anna Gray.

Their daughter was

6. Lydia Freeman, married George Conant. Lydia born _____ 1733, died at _____ on Jan. 6, 1808, married at _____ 1761. George Conant born at Plymouth, Mass., on Jan. 13, 1723, died at Beckett, Mass., on March 3, 1792.

Their son was

7. Thatcher Conant, born at Barnstable, Mass., on March 2, 1767, died in Ohio on June 19, 1840, married at Coventry, Conn., on March 5, 1789 to Elizabeth Manley, born at Coventry County, Conn. on _____ died _____ on Oct. 1, 1845.

Their daughter was

8. Mehettable Conant, born at Beckett, Mass., on July 24, 1793, died at Lancaster, Texas, on May 22, 1873, married at Windom, Portage County, Ohio, or Lancaster, N. H., on Aug. 17, 1813, to Artemas Baker, born at Templeton, Mass. (Gerry in 1786) on Feb. 4, 1780, died at Lancaster, Texas, on Oct. 11, 1853.

Their son was

9. William Thatcher Baker, born at Licking County, Ohio, on Oct. 10, 1830, died at Hamilton County, Texas, on Aug. 12, 1884, married at Parker County, Texas, 5 miles north of Weatherford, Texas, on Sept. 18, 1856, to Emily Elvira Beeman, born at Dalby Springs, Bowie County, Texas, (near Booth Creek, near Texarkana) as family was coming to Texas with Peter's Colony, on Jan. 8, 1841, died at Hamilton, Texas, on February 22, 1920.

Statement of Line of Eligibility for Membership in

THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDENTS

1. William Brewster of the Mayflower

His daughter was

2. Patience Brewster who married Governor Thomas Prence

Her daughter was

3. Mercy Prence born at Plymouth, Mass. in 1631, died at Eastham, Mass., on 28 Sept. 1711, married at Eastham, Mass., on Feb. 13, 1650 to Major John Freeman born at _____ England on c 1621, died at Eastham, Mass. on 28 Oct. 1719.

Their son was

4. Thomas Freeman born on Sept. ___, 1654 at ____ died at ____ 9 Feb. 1715/6 (Virkus Bk. Vol. 3) married _____ on Dec. 3, 1673 to Rebecca Sparrow, born at _____ 30 Oct. 1655 (Virkus Bk. Vol. 3) at _____ on Feb. 1740 (Virkus Bk. Vol. 3).

Their son was

5. Joseph Freeman born at _____ 11 Feb 1682/3, died Mar. 1756; married 13 Oct. 1709 to Lydia Thatcher born ____ died Oct. 13, 1724.

Their son was

6. Thatcher Freeman born 1710, died ____ married on 27 Jan. 1731/32 to Anna Gray.

Their daughter was

7. Lydia Freeman born 1733, died at Beckett, Mass., 6 Jan. 1808, married 1761 to George Conant, born at Plymouth, Mass. on 13 Jan. 1723, died at Beckett, Mass., on March 3, 1792.

Their son was

8. Thatcher Conant, born at Barnstable, Mass. on 2 March 1767, died at Ohio on 19 June 1840, married at Coventry, Conn. 5 March 1789 to Elizabeth Manley, born at Coventry, Tolland Co., Conn. on Feb. 9, 1769, died at Windham, Ohio on Oct. 1, 1845.

Their daughter was

9. Mehettable Conant born at Beckett, Mass. on 24 July 1793, died at Lancaster, Tex. on May 22, 1873,

married to Artemas Baker, born at Gerry, Mass. or Lancaster, N. H. on 4 Feb. 1780, died at Lancaster, Texas on 11 Oct. 1853.

Their son was

10. William Thatcher Baker, born at Licking Co., Ohio, on 10 Oct. 1830, died at Hamilton Co., Texas on 12 Aug. 1884, married at Parker Co., Texas, 5 mi. north of Weatherford, Texas on Sept. 18, 1856, to Emily Elvira Beeman, born at Dalby Springs, Bowie Co., Texas, on 8 Jan. 1841, died at Hamilton, Texas on 22 February 1920.

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
OF
DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER

to the following organizations:

1. NATIONAL SOCIETY OF MAGNA CARTA DAMES.
2. Society of descendants of KING WILLIAM I, THE CONQUEROR AND HIS COMPANIONS AT ARMS, LONDON, ENGLAND.
3. ASSOCIATION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER.

The following Mary (Wentworth) Brewster line was taken in its entirety from the book, LINEAGES AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES, by Mrs. Harry Joseph Morris.

Each specific item was carefully researched and authenticated by the author and references are given in her book for each fact. Two copies of this book are in the Dallas Public Library, and one copy is in the Lubbock Public Library, genealogical division.

William Brewster and wife Mary Wentworth Brewster were Mayflower passengers in 1620.

The descent is shown below:

1. Mary (Wentworth) Brewster, wife of William Brewster
2. Patience (Brewster) Prence, wife of Thomas Prence
3. Mercy (Prence) Freeman, wife of John Freeman
4. Thomas Freeman, wife Rebecca (Sparrow)
5. Joseph Freeman, wife Lydia (Thatcher)
6. Thatcher Freeman, wife Anna (Gray)
7. Lydia (Freeman) Conant, wife of George Conant
8. Thatcher Conant, wife Elizabeth (Manley)
9. Mehitable (Conant) Baker, wife of Artemas Baker
10. William Thatcher Baker, wife Emily Elvira (Beeman)
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

For names, dates, and places see following pages on eligibility statements.

IMMIGRANTS: WILLIAM BREWSTER AND MARY WENTWORTH, "ELDER DAME BREWSTER" - Mayflower, 1620

Mary Wentworth, "Elder Dame Brewster," was descended as follows:

WILLIAM de MOWBRAY, Surety for Magna Charta, was governor of York Castle, and one of the most prominent Magna Charta Barons. He was 16th in descent from Sveide the Viking, m. Advice d' Albini.
They had:
Roger de Mowbray m. Maud Beauchamp.
Roger de Mowbray m. Agnes Clare, descended as follows:
RICHARD de CLARE, Surety for Magna Charta, 4th Earl of Hertford, dying A.D. 1217. Descended from Sveide the Viking, m. Amicia of Gloucester.
GILBERT de CLARE, Surety of Magna Charta, b. abt. A.D. 1180, d. 25 October, A. D. 1230, m. Isabella, sister of WILLIAM MARSHALL, Surety for Magna Charta.
Agnes Clare, as above, m. Roger de Mowbray.
John de Mowbray m. Aliva Braos.
John de Mowbray m. 1st Joan of Lancaster, descended as follows:
ROGER BIGOD, Surety for Magna Charta, Earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, and 15th in descent from Sveide the Viking, b. abt. A.D. 1150, d. A. D. 1221, m. Isabella, dau. of Hameline Plantagenet.
HUGH BIGOD, Surety for Magna Charta, Earl of Norfolk and Suffolk, m. abt. A.D. 1212, Maud, one of the sisters of WILLIAM MARSHALL, Surety for Magna Charta, 16th in descent from Sveide the Viking.
They had:
Isabel Bigod, whose 2nd husband was John FitzGeoffrey,

Sheriff of Yorkshire, and justice of Ireland, d. A.D. 1258.
Maud FitzJohn FitzGeoffrey who m. 2nd William de Beauchamp, Baron of Elmley, and Earl of Warwick, d. A.D. 1298.
Isabel Beauchamp, m. Patrick Chaworth, who d. A.D. 1382.
Maud Chaworth m. Henry Plantagenet, Earl of Lancaster, a great grandson of JOHN, King of England.
John of Lancaster, as above, m. John de Mowbray.
John de Mowbray b. A.D. 1340, slain by the Saracens in A.D. 1368, m. Elizabeth Seagrave/Segrave, who was descended as follows:
ROBERT de VERE, Surety for Magna Charta, was hereditary lord great Chamberlain of England, and 8th in descent from HUGH CAPET, Kind of France, d. 25 October, A. D. 1221, having m. Isabel Bolebec.
Hugh de Vere, Earl of Oxford, d. A.D. 1263, m. in A.D. 1223, Hawise Quincey, dau. of SAIRE deQUINCEY, Surety for Magna Charta.
Robert de Vere, 5th Earl of Oxford, and 6th great Chamberlain, d. 2 September, A. D. 1296, m. Alice Saunford.
Joan de Vere m. William de Warren, killed in a tournament at Croyden, A. D. 1285, son of John, Earl of Warren.
Alice Warren m. Edmund FitzAlan, Earl of Arundel, who without trial, was beheaded at Hereford in A. D. 1326.
Alice FitzAlan m. Stephen/John de Segrave, Constable of the Tower of London in A.D. 1323, who d. in Gascony in his father's lifetime.
John de Segrave d. A. D. 1353, age 38 years, m. Margaret Plantegenet, dau. of Thomas Brotherton, son of KING EDWARD I. Their only dau.:
Elizabeth Segrave, as above, m. John de Mowbray.
Alinore/Margaret Mowbray m. John de Welles, who was descended as follows:

ROBERT de ROOS, Surety for Magna Charta, b. A. D. 1177, d. A. D. 1227. He was the 4th baron of Hamlake Manor. His wife Isabel, dau. of William the Lion, King of Scotland, and they had:
William de Roos m. Lucia FitzPiers.
Robert de Roos m. Isabel d' Albini, descended as follows:
WILLIAM d' ALBINI, Surety for Magna Charta, lord of Belvoir Castle, 9th in descent from Louis IV, King of France, m. Margaret Umfraville, and d. 1 May, A. D. 1236.
William d' Albini m. 1st Albreda.
Isabel d' Albini, as above, m. Robert de Roos.
William de Roos m. Maud Vaux.
William de Roos m. Margery Badlesmere, descended as follows:
JOHN de LACIE, Surety for Magna Charta, 15th in descent from ALFRED THE GREAT and 28th in descent from Cerdic, m. 2nd Margaret Quincey, descended as follows:
SAIRE de QUINCEY, Surety for Magna Charta, Earl of Winchester, b. abt. A. D. 1154, Crusader, d. 3 November, A. D. 1219, on way to Jerusalem. His wife Margaret Beaumont, descended from CHARLEMAGNE and HUGH CAPET, King of France.
Robert de Quincey m. Hawise, descended from Wm. The Conqueror
Margaret Quincey, as above, m. John de Lacie.
Maud Lacie m. Richard de Clare, b. A. D. 1222, d. A.D. 1262.
Thomas de Clare d. A. D. 1287, m. Julian FitzMaurice.
Margaret Clare m. Bartholomew Badlesmere, b. A.D. 1275.

Margery Badlesmere, as above, m. William de Roos.
Maud Roos m. John de Welles.
John de Welles, as above, m. Alianore Mowbray.
Eudo de Welles, grandson of John de Mowbray, m.
Maud Greystock/Greystoke, who descended as follows:
HENRY de BOHUN, Surety for Magna Charta, was Earl of Hereford, 5th in descent from MALCOLM III, King of Scotland. A Crusader, he d. on a pilgrimage to Holy Land, A. D. 1220. He m. Maud FitzGeoffrey.
Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford and Essex m. Maud, dau. of Raoul de Lusignan, Count of Eu.
Alice Bohun m. Ralph de Toni of Castle Maud, Radnor, and Flamstead, Herts.
Alice Toni, m. 3rd Guy de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. Distinguished himself at the battle of Falkirk, and caused Piers Gaveston to be beheaded, whose partisans afterward poisoned him and he d. at Warwick Castle, 12 August, 1315.
Thomas de Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, b. A. D. 1315, d. A. D. 1369, an original K.G., renouned for his outstanding Christian character and bravery at Crecy and elsewhere, m. Catherine Mortimer, also of baronial descent.
Maud Beauchamp, d. A. D. 1403, m. Rogert de Clifford, Earl of Westmoreland. He was b. 10 July, A. D. 1333, and d. 13 July, A. D. 1389, having distinguished himself in the wars with Scotland and France. He became sheriff of Cumberland, and governor of Carlisle Castle. He was 2nd son of Robert de Clifford, also of baronial descent, and his wife Isabel Berkeley.
Catherine Clifford m. Ralph de Greystock, governor of Longhamban Castle in Scotland and one of the commis-

sioners for guarding the West Marshes. While in command of the military expedition against the Scots, he was taken prisoner by George, Earl of Dunbar, at Horseridge in Glendall. His ransom cost 3000 marks. His brother William, went as hostage for him to Dunbar, where he d. of the pestilence. Ralph d. A. D. 1417.
Maud Greystock, as above, m. Eudo de Welles.
Lionel/Leo de Welles, K.G., Lord de Welles, was slain at Towton, A. D. 1461, m. Joan/Cecelia Waterton, dau. and heir of Sir Robert Waterton.
Margaret Welles, dau. of Lionel, Lord de Welles m. Thomas Dymoke, Knight of Scrivelsby, co. Lincoln, b. A. D. 1428, beheaded by Edward IV, in A. D. 1471, son of Philip Dymoke.
Margaret Dymoke, dau. of Sir Thomas Dymoke, Knight of Scrivelsby, d. 20 June, A. D. 1463 and is buried in Lincoln Cathedral. She m. Thomas Fitzwilliam of Mablethorpe, co. Lincoln, d. 9 April, A. D. 1479, buried in Lincoln Cathedral.
Beatrice Fitzwilliam m. 1st to _____ Swinford, 2ndly to Richard Woodruffe of Woolley as his 2nd wife.
Beatrice Woodruffe, dau. of Sir Richard Woodruffe, Knight of Woolley, widow of John Dent, Esquire, m. Sir Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, who was descended as follows:
(Note: Pedigree of Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, Earls of Strafford (Watson-Wentworth, Marquiss of Rockingham), Vernon-Wentworth of Wentworth Castle, and Wentworth of Woolley) Refer to notes at end of this Chapter.
Hugh or Robert de Wentworth, d. A. D. 1200, m. Masil.
William de Wentworth m. _____ _____.

Robert/William de Wentworth (or Winteworth, as the old Charters, have it) of Woodhouse, furs exoria temp, Henry III, m. Emma, dau. and heiress of William Wodehouse/Woodhouse.

William de Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, only son and heir, d. between A. D. 1308/1309, m. Beatrix, dau. of Gilbert Thakel of Yorkshire.

William de Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, m. 1st Dionista/Dyonisia, dau. of Sir Peter Rotherfield/Rothersfield and granddau. of Sir Nicholas Rotherfield by his wife Euphemia, the dau. and co-heiress of William de L'Isle, m. A. D. 1288 William de Wentworth, m. 2ndly Lucy, dau. of Sir Adam Newmarch, Knight. By his 1st wife Dionista, William de Wentworth, had:

William de Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, succeeded his father in A. D. 1295, m. Isabel/Isabella, dau. and co-heiress (with Margery, wife of John Horbary, and Alicia, wife of Thomas Metham) of William Polling/Pollington, co. York, and had:

Sir William de Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, (in the 7th year of Edward II, in A. D. 1314), m. Isabella, dau. and co-heiress (with her sister Johanna, wife of John Eyre of Chesterfield) of Robert Hoton of Hoton Roberts (by his wife Lucia, dau. and heiress of Sir Edward Shelton) (Partition of lands: Edward III, A. D. 1327).

Sir William Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse m. Lucy, dau. and co-heiress of Walter, son and heir of Henry de Tynneslow alias Tinsley/Tynsley, of Tynneslow/Tynsley, co. York, by Lucy, dau. of Walter le Brett.

Sir William de Wentworth, of Wentworth-Woodhouse, m. Joan/Johanna, dau. of Sir William Fleming, Knight of Waith/Wath.

William de Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse m. Lucy dau. of Isabel/Isabella, wife of William Sheffield of

Bolderstoun/Bolsterstone.
William de Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse m. 1st Isabella, dau. of Thomas Durant/Durrant of Chesterfield; m. 2ndly Isabel, dau. of Sir Thomas Reresby, of Thryberg, co. York, and was father of:
Sir Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, Knight, 8th year of Henry VI to 27th year of Henry VI, fought valiantly on the side of King Henry VI, at the battle of Hesham/Hexham, 3 April, A. D. 1463, when he was made prisoner with the Duke of Somerset and others. He m. Joan, dau. of Sir Richard Redman, Knight, of Harwood Tower, and they had:
William Wentworth, Esquire, of Wentworth-Woodhouse, who m. in the 39th year of Henry VI, Isabel dau. of Sir William FitzWilliam of Aldwark, York, and Mr. Wentworth d. in A. D. 1477. He and Isabel had:
Sir Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse received the honor of knighthood in the 20th year of Henry VIII for his bravery in the battle of Spurs. Being a person of great opulence, he was styled "Golden Thomas." He paid a fine to be excused from being created a Knight of the Bath; and in A. D. 1528, he obtained a license from Henry VIII, to wear his bonnet and be covered in the royal presence as he was infirm. He m. as stated above, Beatrice/Beatrix, widow of John Dent/Drax, Esquire, of Woodhall, and the dau. of Sir Richard Woodruffe, Knight of Woolley, and his 2nd wife, Beatrice, dau. of Thomas FitzWilliam of Mablethorp, co. Lincoln. Sir Thomas d. 5th December, A. D. 1548, aged 70 years. Will dated 21 August, A. D. 1546, and proved 8th March A. D. 1548/1549. He is buried at Wentworth, where there is a brass to his memory. (The Monumental inscriptions

of the Wentworths in their Chapel, commence at this period.) Sir Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth-Woodhouse, and his wife Beatrice/Beatrix had the following children:

1. William Wentworth, Esquire, of Wentworth-Woodhouse, m. Catherine dau. of Ralph Beeston, Esquire, of Beeston, in the 9th year of Henry VIII, and d. 4th December/July, A. D. 1549, aged 42 years.

2. Gervase Wentworth

3. Michael Wentworth of Mendham Priory, co. Suffolk and of Ottest, co. Essex, cofferer to King Henry VIII and to Queen Mary, and comptroller to Queen Elizabeth I, d. 13th October, A. D. 1558, was buried at St. Margaret's, Westminister, 23rd October A. D. 1558. Will dated 12th October, and proved 30th November, A. D. 1558. He m. Isabel, dau. and heir of Percival Whitely, Esquire, of Whitely, co. York, who was aged 8 years at her father's death in A. D. 1532.

4. Thomas Wentworth of Scorby/Scroby/Scrooby, co. Nottinghamshire/Notts, m. Grace, dau. of John Gascoigne, Esquire, of Lasingcroft, co. York, and had issue.

5. Bryan Wentworth.

6. Elizabeth Wentworth m. Ralph Denham/Denman, Esquire, of Newhall Grange.

7. Isabel Wentworth m. Nicholas Wombell, Esquire, of Thundercliffe/Thunnercliffe, co. York. He d. A.D. 1371.

8. Beatrice Wentworth m. Thomas Worrall, Esquire, of Loversall, co. York

Thomas Wentworth of Scrooby, co. Nottinghamshire/Notts, m. Grace, dau. of John Gascoigne, Esquire, of Lasingcroft, co. York, and had the following children:

1. Thomas Wentworth, their only son.
2. Mary Wentworth m. William Brewster.
3. Grace Wentworth.
4. Elizabeth Wentworth.

Mary Wentworth, prob. b. in Scrooby, co. Nottinghamshire, England, ca. A. D. 1569, d. 17 April, A. D. 1627 at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and was called "Elder Dame Brewster," after she had m., as is stated above. (Refer to 2. above, Mary dau. of Thomas Wentworth), prob. in Scrooby, co. Nottinghamshire, England, A. D. 1591, William Brewster, who was b. prob. in Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England, A. D. 1566/7, son of William and Prudence Brewster. He matriculated at Peterhouse, Cambridge, A. D. 1580, but did not graduate. Served under William Davidson, ambassador and Secretary of State to Queen Elizabeth I, A.D. 1584-1587. Postmaster at Scrooby, A. D. 1587-1602. He and his wife Mary, went with the Pilgrims to Holland, and were there A. D. 1608-1620. They were passengers on the "MAYFLOWER" in 1620 to Plymouth, Massachusetts, and he was the fourth Signer of "THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT," on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1620 (old style). He and his family settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where he was the "Ruling Elder," A.D. 1620-1629, and was the first Minister of the first church to be planted in New England, 11 December A. D. 1620, which is today the oldest Protestant church with a continuous history in the Western Hemisphere. It was the First Congregational Parish, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Both Church and Parish became Unitarian. He and his family settled in Duxbury, Massachusetts, A. D. 1632-1637, where he was the first minister. He was Deputy to the General Court, A. D. 1636, and was Chaplain of the Plymouth Military Company. William Brewster d. in Plymouth, Mass., 16th April, A. D. 1644.

Extracts taken from a book on the

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF THE
BAKER, ANDRUS, CLARK, AND ADAMS FAMILIES
With Descriptive Travels of the Author

by

Albert Clark Baker
Decorah, Iowa, 1920

William Baker married Johanna in England in 1590. Their son William and wife Mary, with one child, William, four years old came to America and settled in Concord, Mass. in 1660. The author calls this William, who first came to America, the first generation.

1. William Baker, 1, died April 8, 1679. His widow, Mary, married Henry Jefts, a prominent citizen of Ballerica, Mass.

Henry Jefts was born in England in 1606 and died in Bellerica in 1700. No information of death of Mary.

2. WILLIAM BAKER, 2, was born in old England in 1656, married Elizabeth Dutton of Waburn, Mass., daughter of Thomas and Susan Dutton of Wabury, Mass. May 5, 1681. Elizabeth was born on Dec. 29, 1659, and died April 7, 1698. William married Abigal but we have no further history of her. His death occurred at Concord, Mass., June 8, 1702. Issue of marriage with Elizabeth, the third generation:

MARY, born May 1, 1682; ELIZABETH born Sept. 15, 1684; SUSANNA, born August 25, 1686; THOMAS, Dec. 9, 1690; JOHN, born May 6, 1692, died Aug. 3, 1694; SARAH, born Aug. 13, 1693, died Feb. 16, 1743.

*JOSEPH, born Jan. 8, 1696 in Concord, died Sept. 3, 1761, at Littleton, Mass. All these children were born at Concord, Mass.

3. JOSEPH BAKER, married Alice Jefts of Bellerica, Mass., daughter of John and Lydia Jefts of Bellerica, married at Concord, Mass. Dec. 11, 1716 by the Rev. John Whiting. Children of Joseph and Alice Baker:

ALICE, born in Concord, Nov. 14, 1717, died Aug. 26, 1767; WILLIAM, born in Concord, Dec. 12, 1719, died Mar. 13, 1793; JOSEPH, born in Littleton, June 22, 1721, died 1776; LYDIA, born in Littleton, Mar. 19, 1723, died Jan. 9, 1809; JOHN, born in Littleton, April 21, 1726, died June 1760;

*CHARLES, born in Littleton, May 30, 1728; died April 3, 1813; TIMOTHY, born in Littleton, Nov. 30, 1730, died April 14, 1810; THOMAS, born in Littleton, Oct. 11, 1732, died 1778.

4. CHARLES BAKER, son of Joseph, 3, of William, 2, of William, 1, born May 30, 1728; married Mary King (also) Rice, of Brimfield, Mass., May 30, 1751. She was the daughter of Ezra King of Worcester, Mass. Issue of this marriage was:

CHARLES BAKER, JR., born April 4, 1752.
*JONAS BAKER, born Jan. 17, 1754.
LEVI BAKER, born April 10, 1755.
MARY BAKER, born Sept. 4, 1757.
ARTEMAS BAKER, born Jan. 10, 1759.
LYDIA BAKER, born June 21, 1761.
JOSEPH BAKER, born May 12, 1768.
LUCINDA BAKER, born Nov. 20, 1768.
JOHN BAKER, born May 12, 1768.

5. JONAS BAKER, son of Charles, of Joseph, of William, 2, of William, 1, was born Jan. 17, 1754; married Betty, daughter of Jonas and Betty Wilder of Templeton,

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Mass., Feb. 16, 1779 and died in Lancaster N. H. Feb. 24, 1828. Issue of this marriage was:

*ARTEMAS BAKER, born Feb. 4, 1780 at Gerry, Mass.
BETSY WILDER BAKER, born April 24, 1782.
JONAS BAKER, born Sept. 23, 1785.
Jonas Baker, born Oct. 28, 1786.
MARY KING BAKER, born March 27, 1793.
CHARLES BAKER, born March 27, 1789.
SALLY BAKER, born May 18, 1799.
CHARLES BAKER, born March 27, 1793.
LACONDA BAKER, born June 21, 1795.
EUNICE BAKER, born Oct. 9, 1797.

Mrs. Jonas Wilder Baker died in Lancaster, N. H. July 31, 1801. Jonas Baker married again to Sally, daughter of Oliver Whitcomb of Littleton, Mass., May 22, 1802. Only living issue was Oliver Whitcomb Baker, born March 2, 1806.

6. ARTEMAS BAKER, son of Jonas, 5, Charles, 4, Joseph, 3, William, 2, William, 1, was born at Gerry Mass., Feb. 4, 1780 (became a lawyer), married Mehettabel, daughter of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant of Becket, Mass., at Windham, Portage County, Ohio, on August 17, 1813. Issue was as follows:

ELIZABETH (Betty) BAKER, born Oct. 10, 1814, died Dec. 15, 1898 at Waco, Texas.
MEHETTABLE BAKER, born June 19, 1816, at Bridgeport, Ohio, died May 6, 1898.
MARY O. BAKER, born June 11, 1818, married Cornelius Vernoy, died Corsicana, Texas, Aug. 1, 1852.
JONAS BAKER, born Nov. 15, 1820, Bridgeport, Ohio, died May 28, 1822.
ARTEMAS BAKER, born April 14, 1821, in Bridgeport, Ohio.

SYBIL BAKER, born Nov. 15, 1822, married Samuel C. Phelps of Licking Co., Ohio, Mar. 4, 1849.

LYDIA BAKER, born Mar. 15, 1824.

CHARLES BAKER, born Feb. 9, 1826.

SUSANNA BAKER, born 1828, Aug. 26, died Jan. 2, 1846.

WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER, born Oct. 10, 1830, died Aug. 12, 1884.

EUNICE BAKER, born Nov. 7, 1882.

REBECCA BAKER, born April 30, 1834, died July 1, 1852 at James Beeman's, East side of Trinity, Dallas Co., Texas.

Artemas died Oct. 4, 1852 at Lancaster, Tex., and Mehettable died at Lancaster, Tex., May 22, 1873. (Mehettable was born at Becket, Mass., July 24, 1793.)

CHLOE BAKER, born May 23, 1836 in Hanover, Ohio, died in Hanover, O., Aug. 1836.

ANGELINA GRAY BAKER, born Oct. 25, 1839. Married James B. Gilliland, March 26, 1851, at James Jackson Beeman's in Parker County, Texas.

Of this sixth generation Elizabeth (Betty), married James Jackson Beeman, November 21, 1851, in Dallas County, Texas.

Mehettable married Oswin Teagarden in Ohio, October 1, 1841, died at Ronda, buried at Palestine, Texas.

Artemas Baker married Lavina Broadner of Hanover, Ohio, in 1849.

Sybil married Samuel C. Phelps of Licking County, Ohio, in March 4, 1849.

Mary O. Baker, no further record.

Note 1: William Thatcher Baker married Emily Elvira Beeman of Parker County, Texas, Sept. 8, 1856.
Eunice Baker married Nathaniel B. Everts of Lancaster, Texas.
Angelina Gray Baker married James B. Gilliland of Parker County, Texas, March 19, 1857, at the home of James Jackson Beeman.

Note 2: Charles Artemas Baker went to Havana, Cuba, returned to Ohio. Afterwards was seen on board a vessel at New Orleans by an old friend of the family by the name of Bob Reed. Charles was never seen again.

Note 3: From the GENEALOGY AND HISTORY OF THE BAKER, ANDRUS, CLARK, AND ADAMS FAMILIES, with Descriptive Travels of the Author, by Albert Clark Baker, Decorah, Iowa, 1920
Page 8 - - History of Embellishments:

"The coat of arms (By the Name of Baker) I have no doubt is an original and not one of those that were sold to the public for prestige. My father said that his father prized much, and that he said it had been in the William branch of the family since brought from England. It is on a very ancient piece of sheepskin and shows all the marks of its ancient origin. It was put in a frame covered with Indian arrow-heads and for years hung in the sitting-room at our old home in Castalia. When we removed from there, it was taken from the frame; it was never reframed, but at father's death given to my brother William at Sioux City. His son William having passed on, it was given to Frank Dike Baker of Sioux City, the oldest living son."

RICE-KING-BAKER FAMILY CONNECTION

Lineage showing the Baker Family eligibility for membership in the "Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc." The Historian and Editor is Frederick R. Rice, 16 Eastern Ave., Arlington, Mass. 02174.

(I) EDMUND RICE, immigrant ancestor, born in Barkhamstead, England in 1594. He probably came to America early in 1638. He settled in Sudbury, Mass., and was proprietor and selectman there in 1639, he became the largest individual land-holder. He was one of the petitioners for the new town of Marlborough, Mass., and moved there in 1660.

He married first, in England, TAMAZIN _____, she died 13 June 1654. Their son was:

(II) SAMUEL RICE, born about 1634 in England, came to America with his family. He married in Sudbury, 8 Nov. 1655, ELIZABETH KING, daughter of THOMAS KING (I) who was also one of the proprietors of Marlborough, Mass. and originally from Shaftesbury, England. ELIZABETH was born in England about 1635 and brought to America with her brother Peter. She died in Oct. 1667 when her sixth child, SAMUEL, was an infant. Before her death she gave her baby boy to her brother Peter King. For many years this boy was known as SAMUEL KING, alias RICE, and his children were similarly designated.

(III) SAMUEL KING, alias RICE, was born in 1667 in Sudbury, Mass. He married ABIGAIL CLAPP, born 29 Jan. 1659/60; died 17 Feb. 1729/30 at Sudbury. She was the daughter of THOMAS CLAPP AND ABIGAIL _____.

(IV) EZRA KING, alias RICE, was born 22 May 1697; died 14 Jan. 1746 at Cape Brenton, Canada. He married SILENCE BOND.

(V) MARY KING, alias RICE, was born 9 July 1726; died in Gerry (now Phillipston) Mass., 8 May 1803. She married in

Littleton, Mass., 30 May 1751, CHARLES BAKER (4) who was born in Littleton, 30 May 1728; died in Gerry (now Phillipston), 3 April 1813. He was the son of Capt. JOSEPH (3) and ALICE (JEFTS) BAKER of Littleton, Mass.

CHARLES BAKER was one of the early settlers of Templeton, Mass. settled in 1762. He was a prominent figure in the early history of the town. He was a licensed Inn Holder and surveyor of many plots of land and roads. In 1786 the west part of Templeton and part of Athol, Mass. was set off for the township of Gerry, Mass. and at the first town meeting he was chosen town clerk and selectman.

(VI) JONAS BAKER (5), born in Littleton, Mass., 17 Jan. 1754; died in Lancaster, New Hampshire, 14 Feb. 1828. He moved to the new town of Lancaster, N. H. in 1786, and the following year he surveyed the town into 100 acre lots. In civil life he served as selectman, town clerk, moderator and clerk of the court of common pleas, at different times. He married in Templeton, Mass., 16 Feb. 1779, BETTY WILDER, daughter of JONAS and ELIZABETH WILDER. Their son was:

(VII) ARTEMAS BAKER (6), born 4 Feb. 1780 in Templeton, Mass.; died 11 Oct. 1853 in Lancaster, Texas. He studied law at Hartford, Conn. and in the early 1800's went to Ohio and settled first at Revenna, County seat of Portage County. It was in Revenna that he started law practice. And it was in Ohio that he met and married Miss MEHETTABLE CONANT, also a native of Mass. She was the daughter of THATCHER and ELIZABETH CONANT and was born in Becket, Mass. They came to Texas in 1850, and settled near Lancaster, Texas.

CHARLES BAKER, ESQUIRE, WILL
Will filed April 15, 1813
Series A, Case 2619

In the name of God Amen: I, Charles Baker of Gerry in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire. Being in a good measure of health and through the goodness of God, in sound mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed to men once to die, do therefore make and ordain and publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form following, that it say first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of God that gave it; and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner by my Executor hereinafter named - - -

And with regard to such worldly estate as it pleased God to bless me with, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the way and manner following, viz--

First I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary, as a full right of dower, the whole of my part of the Farm that we dwell in in said Gerry, with my part of the buildings thereof; or she may take her maintenance out of my Estate according to a bond given me by my son Levi Baker, with all the priviledges and advantages of said bond. I also give to my said wife the use of my pew in said Gerry Meeting House. I also give to my said wife all my household furniture to use as she may during her life.

I give to my son Charles One Dollar to be paid him in one year after my decease; which with what he has already had will be his share. I give to my son Jonas one third part of a note of hand I hold against him and what more I hold against him and due on said note at my demise I order him to pay to my

Executor for the benefit of my Heirs. I give to my son Artemas, all notes and obligations that I hold against him.

I give unto my Grandchildren, namely, Lydia Stevens, Charles Stevens, Thomas Stevens and Joseph Stevens, children of my daughter Mary Stevens, deceased, One Dollar to each of said children to be paid them when they respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years.

I give to my son Joseph Baker, a piece of meadow land in said Gerry, containing about seven acres, more or less, lying on New Brook (so called) bounding South by a turn pike road easterly by Templeton, line northerly by land of Edmond Brigham, westerly by land of Isaac Allard. Also I give to said Joseph my pew in Gerry Meeting House at the reversion of the Dower, saving and reserving to my daughter Elizabeth, a right and privilege to sit in said pew during her continuance in single life. I also give to my said daughter Elizabeth two rooms in my dwelling house, at her option, with the privilege of using the same as long as she continues in single life.

I give to my three daughters Lydia Kilburn, Lucinda Gould, and Elizabeth Baker, and my son John Baker, all my lands that I hold in Templeton, to be divided in the following manner, Lydia and Lucinda to have one third part equally between them and Elizabeth to have one third part and John to have the other third part, to them and their heirs, assigns, forever.

I give to my son Levi Baker when he has fulfilled my will, viz, has paid all my just debts and all funeral charges for myself and wife - at reversion of the Dower; the whole of messuage or tenement of land where I now dwell in said Gerry, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, only reserving to my daughter Elizabeth the free use and benefit of two good rooms in the dwelling house at her option during her continuance in single life.

I constitute and appoint Levi Baker of Gerry in the County of Worcester, my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto let my hand and seal the Seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1802.

Charles Baker

NOTE: Charles Baker was the son of Joseph and Alice Jefts Baker born May 30, 1728 and died April 3, 1813.

On the 11th day of September, 1810, sixteen men met at the house of Thatcher Conant, in Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., for the purpose of forming a company to purchase a township in New Connecticut and remove there. They bought 14,845 acres at $1.75 an acre. The deed was made to "Dillingham, Clark, Esquire, Alpheus Streater, Yoeman, and Thatcher Conant, Gentleman". The land was surveyed into equal lots, each purchaser had the proportion, according to his investment. Four young men made the advance journey on foot with a sled and horse to carry their baggage. They arrived on 16th of March, 1811. They immediately commenced a settlement. Several more families came. On 2nd day of May, 1811, the First Congregational Church in Windham, Ohio was organized in Becket, Mass., and transported like an Ark of the Covenant as its covenanting members journeyed in their oxcarts to their new township "on reserve". On 13th of July Thatcher Conant and Jeremiah Lyman arrived and settled on Lot 86. On March 2, 1813, Thatcher Conant was one of the trustees elected of the township. He was also elected one of two Overseers of the Poor.

NOTE: Above information from History of Portage County, Beers & Co., Chicago 1885 and research of Minier Baker DeSpain Sept. 12, 1968.

CHILDREN OF ARTEMAS AND MEHETTABLE BAKER

1. Elizabeth (Betty), born October 10, 1814, moved to Pleasant Run, Dallas County with her parents, April 4, 1850, married James Jackson Beeman November 29, 1859, died December 15, 1898 at Waco, Texas, in the home of her son, Charles Artemas Beeman, 823 N. 12th Street; buried in unmarked grave on a doctor's lot in Waco.

2. Mehettable, born June 12, 1816 at Bridgeport, Ohio, married Oswin Teagarden at Hanover,Licking County, Ohio, October 14, 1841. She died near Ronda, in Wilbarger County, Texas, May 6, 1898, and is buried in Palestine, Texas in the new cemetery. Oswin Teagarden, born in

Wheeling, West Virginia, May 13, 1812, died in Palestine, Texas, on March 28, 1887. He is buried in same lot with his wife.

3. Mary Oconasta, born June 11, 1818. Married Cornelius Vernoy and died at Corsicana, Texas, August 1, 1852.

4. Jonas Baker, born at Bridgeport, Ohio, November 15, 1820. Died in Bridgeport, Ohio, May 28, 1822.

5. Artemas Baker, born April 14, 1821, in Bridgeport, Ohio.

6. Sybil, born November 15, 1822, in Bridgeport, Ohio. Married Mr. (Samuel Chauncey) Phelps, Sr., a native of Licking County, Ohio, March 4, 1849 and came to Texas in 1851. They settled in Dallas County, buying a portion of the Holeman headright near the Trinity River. Sybil Baker was a teacher in her earlier years. She died in March, 1859, leaving three small children, viz: Artemas who died April 8, 1894, unmarried; Elizabeth who married Winfield S. Lewis, Aug. 23, 1869, resided in Tarrant Co., and reared a large family; and Samuel Chauncey, Jr., farmed in Jackson Co., Oklahoma, married Nettie Renn in Hardeman County, April 12, 1891, reared eight children.

7. Lydia, born March 15, 1824.

8. Charles, born February 9, 1826.

9. Susannah, born Aug. 26, 1828, died January 2, 1846.

10. William Thatcher, born October 10, 1830, married Emily Elvira Beeman September 18, 1856, in Parker County, 5 miles north of Weatherford, Texas. Emily was born at Dalby Springs, Bowie County, Texas, January 8, 1841, as her family (James Jackson Beeman and wife, Sarah Crawford Beeman) were coming to Texas with Peter's Colony. William died August 12, 1884, at Ohio, Texas,

in the community which he named and was the first postmaster. Emily died February 22, 1920, in Hamilton, Texas. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hamilton, Texas.

11. Eunice, born November 7, 1832.

12. Rebeckah, born April 30, 1834, died at her brother-in-law's home, James Jackson Beeman, who lived on the east side of the Trinity River, Dallas County, Texas, July 1, 1852, of consumption.

13. Chloe, born March 23, 1836, in Hanover, Ohio, and died at Hanover, Ohio, August, 1836.

14. Angelina Gray, born October 25, 1839, married James B. Gilliland at home of James Jackson Beeman, March 26, 1857, Parker County, Texas.

CHILDREN OF EMILY ELVIRA BEEMAN AND WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER

Name	Born	Married	Died
Mehettable	Nov. 10, 1857	James A. Shannon	Oct. 7, 1942
James Artemas	Sep. 22, 1859	Alice Ratliff	Oct. 16, 1917
Francis Houston	Dec. 13, 1861	Eulalie Crews 1st Elizabeth Martin, 2nd	Nov. 3, 1930
William Thatcher	Jan. 9, 1864	Nannie Key	Feb. 19, 1935
Jane Emily	Oct.12, 1866	Ralph Piper Edgar	Mar. 7, 1949
Elizabeth Scythia	Feb. 8, 1869	David B. Holland	Nov. 28, 1932
Charles Curtis	Jan. 30, 1871	Alma Nicholson	Mar. 21, 1942.
Norton Amos	Sep. 9, 1873	Gay Miller	May 17, 1943
John (Erskine)[3] Beeman	Oct. 2, 1876	Amma Pinkerton	Mar. 18, 1955
Margaret May	Jul. 2, 1878	John Lynn 1st Cash Mathis 2nd	Jul. 18, 1955
Mary Oconasta	Jul. 7, 1880	Malcolm Alvah Boone	Jul. 6, 1963
Angelina Alice	Feb. 26, 1883	Jacob Forrest Nicholson	Oct. 6, 1960

3. NOTE: John changed the Erskine to Beeman because the children in the family called it Ear Skin.

4. NOTE: See Appendix 8 for Family Groups; page 82

CONANT GENEALOGY
BY
FREDERICK O. CONANT
Portland, Maine
1887

George Conant, who came to Plymouth, Mass., from Exeter, England, about 1718, was perhaps son of George Conant of Dunsford, a small parish of Devon, seven or eight miles west of Exeter. He is said to have been a haberdasher of Exeter, and of considerable property, but the vessel in which he came was wrecked, all was lost, and he finally settled in Plymouth. He married about 1718 one Mary, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Southworth) Howland, born about 1690. Joseph Howland was son of John Howland who came in the "MAYFLOWER" and Elizabeth, daughter of John Tilley, who with his wife and family were also passengers on the MAYFLOWER.

George Conant was accidentally drowned in Plymouth Harbor in 1731. After a few years his family moved to Barnstable on Cape Cod, and the widow married William Green of Barnstable in 1745. She died October 23, 1756.

Children of this marriage -- George and Mary Howland Conant:

Charles, George, and Elizabeth Conant.

George Conant, 2, was born Jan. 13, 1723 in Plymouth, fought in Revolutionary War,[4] and in 1779 moved to Beckett. He died March 3, 1792, and was buried in the First Congregational Church Yard. He married Elizabeth Crocker, fourth time in 1761, Lydia daughter of Thatcher and Anna Gray Freeman, born 1733, and died January 6, 1808.

4: NOTE: From the D A R PATRIOT INDEX 1968
George Conant, Sr. b 1-18-1723 d 3-3-1792
page 571 m (1) Sarah Goodspeed
Pvt Mass (2) Susanna Crocker
(3) Elizabeth Crocker
(4) Lydia Freeman

Children of George and Lydia Freeman Conant:

George Thatcher and Thatcher Conant.

Thatcher Conant, 3, was born March 2, 1767, in Barnstable, moved to Beckett in 1779. He was one of the organizers of a colony of about ninety people who, in 1811, moved to Windham, Portage County, Ohio. He died June 19, 1840. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Asa and Eunice (Dimmock) Manley, whom he married March 5, 1789. Elizabeth died in 1801. The wedding took place in Coventry, Connecticut.

The following is a copy of data from the family Bible owned by Mrs. Angelina Gray (Baker) Gilliland, daughter of Artemas and Mehettable (Conant) Baker.

CONANT AND BAKER FAMILY TREE

Thatcher Conant was born of George and Lydia Conant, March 2, 1767 in Barnstable, and removed with his parents to Becket, Berkshire County, Mass., in June 1779. He married Elizabeth Manley, March 5, 1789. Elizabeth Manley was born of Asa and Chloe Manley (The Registrar General of D A R corrected this to read Eunice (Dimmock) Curley on Daisey Teagarden Behrends D A R papers), February 9, 1769, in Coventry, Tolland County, Conn., and removed with her Aunt King to Becket, Berkshire County, Mass., in February, 1788. She and Thatcher Conant were married in Beckett and lived there until June, 1811, then moved with their ten children to Windham, Portage County, Ohio.

Thatcher Conant died June 17, 1840, in Windham, Ohio, with inflamation of the brain.

Susannah Conant, first child of Elizabeth and Thatcher Conant, was born Monday, Nov. 23, 1789. She married James Robb of Poland, Trumble County, Ohio, October 22, 1810.

Thatcher Freeman Conant, second child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant was born Saturday, August 20, 1791, and married Irene Maxfield, September 12, 1818.

Mehettable Conant, third child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant, was born Wednesday, July 25, 1793, and married Artemas Baker, August 17, 1813. Artemas Baker was born February 11, 1780. Artemas Baker died in Dallas County, Texas, October 11, 1853, at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Elizabeth Edna Conant, fourth child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant, was born Thursday, Oct. 8, 1795, and married Levi Alford, April 6, 1814. She died at the residence of her son-in-law, Levi Alford in Windham, Ohio, October 1, 1845.

Rebeckah Conant, fifth child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant, was born February 14, 1798, and married Leander Sackett, January 23, 1821. She died at her father's in Windham, Ohio, March 12, 1828.

Asa Manley Conant, sixth child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant, was born Sunday, March 16, 1800, and married Eunice Bierce Sept. 1, 1824.

Chloe Bridgman Conant, seventh child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant, was born Saturday, October 30, 1802, and married H. N. Bierce, March 5, 1823. She died at her residence Dec. 29, 1846, of consumption.

George Erskine Conant, eighth child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant was born Tuesday, May 8, 1805, and married Emily Foot, Oct. 1, 1829. She died July 7, 1843, at her residence, with consumption and George Erskine Conant married again to Abigail Pain, April 10, 1845.

Lydia Mary Conant, ninth child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant, was born Tuesday, February 23, 1808, and married Rob-

ert M. Higley, November 17, 1830.

Angelina Gray Conant, tenth child of Thatcher and Elizabeth Conant was born Saturday, October 20, 1810, and married Alexander Bierce, October 27, 1839.

Elizabeth (Betty) Baker, first child of Artemas and Mehettable Baker was born October 10, 1814.

Mehettable Baker, second child of Artemas and Mehettable Baker was born June 12, 1816, at Bridgeport, Ohio, and married Oswin Teagarden at Hanover, Licking County, Ohio, October 14, 1841. She died near Ronda, in Wilbarger Co., Texas, May 6, 1898, and is buried at Palestine, Texas, in the new cemetery on the N.E. corner of Lot 22, in Block No. 2.

Oswin Teagarden was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, May 13, 1812 and died in Palestine, Texas, on March 28, 1887. He is buried in the same lot with his wife.

Mary Oconasta Baker, third child of Artemas and Mehettable Baker, was born June 11, 1818. Married Cornelius Vernoy, and died at Corsicana, Texas, August 1, 1852.

Jonas Baker, fourth child of Artemas and Mehettable was born at Bridgeport, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1820. Died Bridgeport, Ohio, May 28, 1822.

Artemas Baker, fifth child was born April 14, 1821, in Bridgeport, Ohio.

Sybil Baker, sixth child of Artemas was born Nov. 15, 1822.

Lydia Baker, seventh child of Artemas was born March 15, 1824.

Charles Baker, eighth child of Artemas and Mehettable B. was born February 9, 1826.

Susannah Baker, ninth child of Artemas and M. Baker was born Aug. 26, 1828, and died Jan. 2, 1846.

William Thatcher Baker, tenth child of Artemas and M. Baker was born Oct. 10, 1830, married Emily Beeman (daughter of James Jackson Beeman) 8 January 1841.

Eunice Baker was born November 7, 1832.

Rebeckah Baker was born April 30, 1834, and died at her brother-in-law's James Jackson Beeman, East Side of Trinity, Dallas Co., Texas, July 1, 1852, of consumption.

Chloe Baker was born March 23, 1836, in Hanover, Ohio, and died at Hanover, Ohio, August, 1836.

Angelina Baker was born October 25, 1839. Married James B. Gilliland. Married March 26, at J. J. Beeman's house. (1857)

FAMILY RECORD

of the Families of James J. Beeman and Charles A. Beeman

Births

James J. Beeman, Dec. 21, 1816, in Ill.
Sarah Beeman, 1st wife of James J., was daughter of James Crawford. She was born Dec. 13, 1819, presumably in Ill.
Elizabeth Beeman, 2nd wife of James J. was the daughter of Artemas Baker, born Oct. 10, 1814 in Ohio.

Children of James J. Beeman and Sarah Beeman:
William C. Beeman, Sept. 27, 1837 in Green County, Ill.
Mary Jane Beeman, March 3, 1839, in Calhoun County, Ill.
Emily E. Beeman, Jan. 8, 1841 in Bowie County, Texas.
Gennett Beeman, Oct. 17, 1843 in Dallas County, Texas.
Francis M. Beeman, Nov. 28, 1844 in Dallas County, Texas.
Melissa Anice Beeman, Nov. 19, 1846 in Dallas County, Texas.

Children of James J. Beeman and Elizabeth Beeman:
Lydia A. Beeman, Nov. 13, 1852(dead) in Dallas County, Texas.
Charles A. Beeman, Jan. 24, 1854 in Dallas County, Texas.
Sarah E. Beeman, March 9, 1857 in Parker County, Texas

Martha E. Beeman, wife of C. A. Beeman was the daughter of W. W. McCormick. She was born Dec. 4, 1855 in Kentucky.

Children of C. A. Beeman and Martha E. Beeman
A girl (dead) Jan. 4, 1878 in Hamilton County, Texas.
Elbert Beeman (Friday), Feb. 6, 1880 in Hamilton County, Texas.
Carl Beeman (Monday), Nov. 12, 1883 in Lampasas County, Texas.
Norvil Beeman (Sunday), June 1, 1890 in Temple, Texas.
Otis Beeman (Tuesday), Oct. 9, 1894 in Temple, Texas.

MARRIAGES

J. J. Beeman and Sarah Crawford, (1st wife), Sept. 16, 1836
St. Charles Co. Mo.

J. J. Beeman and Elizabeth Baker, (3rd wife) Nov. 29, 1851 in Dallas Co. Tex.

Mary Jane Beeman and Henry C. Price (1st husband) July 29, 1855, Parker County, Texas.

Mary Jane Beeman and Wyatt Barnett (2nd husband) - - -Dallas Co., Texas.

Emily E. Beeman and Wm. T. Baker (1st husband), Sept. 18, 1856. Parker Co., Texas.

Emily E. Beeman and David Thomas Holmes (2nd husband) particulars unknown.

Francis M. Beeman and Amanda J. McCormick in Rockwall County, Texas, Feb. 6, 1868. (She was a sister of Martha E. Beeman, wife of Charles A. Beeman).

Sarah E. Beeman and L. Albert Sweet, June 22, 1873 in Dallas County, Texas.

Charles A. Beeman and Martha E. McCormick, Aug. 24, 1876, Kaufman Co., Tex.

Elbert Beeman and Louise Beckley, April 17, 1901 in Waco, Tex.

Norvil Beeman and Cleo M. Knights, Aug. 21, 1917 in Chicago, Ill.

Carl Beeman and Thelma Keithley, May 14, 1919, in Dallas, Tex.

Otis Beeman and Ethel Kenworthy, June 27, 1925, in Chicago, Ill.

DEATHS

Wm. C. Beeman, Aug. 5, 1840 in Green County, Ill.

Gennett Beeman, Oct. 21, 1845 in Dallas County, Texas.

Sarah Beeman, wife of James J. Beeman, March 8, 1848, Dallas County, Texas.

Melisa Anice Beeman, Feb. 27, 1861, Parker County, Texas.

Lydia Beeman, Jan. 29, 1853 in Dallas County, Texas.

James J. Beeman (Friday) Dec. 7, 1888, 2:30 P.M. at Lampasas, Texas.

Elizabeth Beeman (3rd) wife of J. J. Beeman, (Thursday), Dec. 15, 1898, 7 A.M., Waco, Texas.

Martha E. Beeman, wife of Charles A. Beeman, Feb. 4, 1908, Dallas, Texas (Oak Cliff)

Charles A. Beeman, Oct. 9, 1940, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., buried in Oak Cliff Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Elbert Beeman, Sept. 19, 1943; buried in Oak Cliff Cemetery, Dallas, Tex.

BEAMAN OR BEEMAN

James Beaman (Elder) and wife Nancy
died Oct. 17, 1811

Their children were:

Samuel Beaman born April 6, 1795, Murfreesboro, N.C., died May 13, 1877.

Mary born April 16, 1797.

John born Oct. 20, 1799, N.C. died Mar. 12, 1856.

Lyda born Mar. 16, 1802.

Nancy born Jan. 11, 1805 died Sept. 1808.

Isaac born April 27, 1808 died Aug. 5, 1831

William born Feb. 3, 1811

James' wife, Seytha died Oct. 30, 1836.

James Beaman (Elder) died Feb. 20, 1833.

James J. Beaman born Dec. 21, 1816, Ill. died Dec. 7, 1888, Lampasas, Tex.

Nancy born July 8, 1819

Margaret born July 17, 2 twins

Note: Three Beeman brothers came to Texas from Ill.
John and James J. came in 1840
Sam came in 1846

Bible published in Philadelphia 1817.

The above records were sent by Ruth Cooper (a Beeman descendant)
4826 Worth Street
Dallas, Texas 75246

BEEMAN OR BEAMAN

James Jackson Beeman's parents were John Beeman who married Margaret Hunter 19 May 1767. His will is found in Rowan County, North Carolina, WILLS 1805-1826, Vol. I P 11, and his children are given as James Beeman, Mary Beeman Moore, Thomas Beeman, Joseph Beeman, Elizabeth Beeman, Nancy Beeman, Charles Beeman, William Beeman and Samuel Beeman.

The Family Record is from the Beeman Bible which belonged to John's grandson, John.

It is concluded that James Beeman married 1st Nancy (no surname given).

Children: Samuel b April 6, 1895, Murfreesboro, N.C.
John B. Oct. 20, 1799; died March 12, 1856

James' 2nd wife was Seytha (Rattan?) died Oct. 30, 1836.

James Jackson Beeman was the son of James and Seytha
(probably named for his father)

b 21 December 1816 Calhoun County, Illinois
d 7 December 1888, Lampasas, Lampasas County, Texas.

APPENDICES

No. 1. ARTEMAS BAKER was a fluent speaker of no mean ability as is proven by a speech he delivered at Bridgeport, Ohio, in 1825, a copy of which is in the possession of the descendants of James (Jim) Artemas Baker in Lockney, Texas. Family tradition says that at sometime in his legal career he was a Representative or Congressman but so far there is no proof of it. We have a copy of the speech which shows him to be a man of broad education and keen understanding of the times backed up with a good knowledge of history with all his thoughts skillfully phrased for clarity. He gives evidence of his thorough New England schooling and study at Harvard where family tradition says he went to college.

From Peters Colony of Texas, by Seymour V. Connor, p. 186:

ARTEMAS BAKER, JR., migrated to the Colony as a single man prior to July 1, 1848. He was issued a land certificate by Thomas William Ward in 1850 and patented 320 acres in Dallas County (Nacogdoches Third Class No. 2177). He is listed on the Census of 1850 (Dallas County Family No. 294) as a 29-year-old Shoemaker, born in Ohio.

No. 2. JAMES BEEMAN migrated as a family man prior to July 1, 1844. He was issued a land certificate and patented 640 acres in Dallas County (Nacogdoches Third Class No. 521). According to the Colony's Agent's report for 1844, he was living on White Rock Creek in Old Nacogdoches County. (From Peters Colony).

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James Jackson Beeman's father was James also and was son of John Beeman and wife Margaret Hunter, married May 19, 1705. John's will is found in Rowan Co., N.C. (Wills, 1805-1826, Vol. I, page 11. James is listed in the will. James emigrated to Illinois about 1800.

1st married Nancy _____ died October 17, 1811.
2nd married Seythe (Rattan?) _____ died Oct. 1836.

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James Beeman (James Jackson Beeman's father) was a devout Baptist. Mention is made of him in Religion in the American Frontier - The Baptists 1783 - 1830, a collection of source material by William Warren Sweet on the pages 262-270 in Chapter X entitled Extracts from the Records of Frontier Baptist Churches. Records are from Wood River Church organized 1806. The Church now extinct was located one mile east of the present town of Upper Alton, Illinois.

James Jackson Beeman, born December 12, 1816,in "Madison County" (Calhoun Co. not formed until 1825), Illinois Territory. " - - - - at the head of American Bottom in Madison County about 3 miles below the City of Alton, and about one mile below St. Louis Crossing on Ward River - - - was partly raised in Green County, and partly in Calhoun County on Illinois River opposite mouth of Apple Creek." (From a letter of C.A. Beeman dated 8 June 1938, in Mrs. Angie Baker Nicholson's possession.)

No. 3 William and Emily's children called Elizabeth "Little Grandma". She was a delightful person who knew how to please and entertain them and was much loved by them and everyone.

Here is a letter Elizabeth wrote to Norton Amos Baker when he was living in Lockney with his brother Jim (James Artemas) and she was living in Temple where her son Charles Artemas Beeman had a business school. Charles lived there at the time.

Copy of an old letter in possession of Hortenz Baker Bradshaw; Dallas, Texas.

Temple, Texas Feb. 2, 1891.

Norton Baker

Dear Grandson I was glad to hear from you, I had heard you had gone to Floyd Co. Your Aunt Ange told me that she had an acquaintance in Floyd Co. but I have forgotten their name, I think they are in the southern part, they went from Milam Co. Charles is book keeper for Bently and Bass dry goods merchants here. Charles has bought and built him a house here and is living in it. They have another boy a fine healthy looking baby eight months old, Norvill A. is his name.

My health is good but I am growing old and feeble. I want to go up to your Mother's next summer after Sarah goes to Gregg (it looks like Grear Co. but must be Gregg) Co. next spring. I am in hopes they will come by to see me I fear I will never see Sarah after she goes to Gregg. If I knew I would not live much longer I would not care much, I have but four years to live to be as old as Mother was when she died. I do hope I wont live that long. I am now 76 years old, born Oct. 10, 1814.

I am glad to hear you are going to have a Sunday School and preaching once a month. I do hope you will succeed. If you will work God will bless you I do hope you will build up a church there while the country is new. I would not sell all of my land it will be worth a great deal some day if your Grand Pa had held on to some of the town property he once owned in Dallas and Weatherford he would of died rich. But he was just as happy.

I am glad you are going to school, an education will take you where money can't take you, tell Alice I will look for a long letter from her, you did not tell me all about

that country. Give my love to Jim and Alice little ones.

I can think of nothing more that would interest you I am not in a very good mood for writing you can see by the blunders I have made.

Your loving Grand Ma
Elizabeth Beeman

No. 4 Letter from Judge John J. Good to his wife. Private collection of grand-daughter, Miss Frances Thomas

Beeman's Store (Weatherford, Parker County, Texas)
June 4, 1856

My dear wife:

For fear I won't have time to write you in the morning, I have after retiring, arisen to pen this epistle.

In company with Wat Caruth, I had a very pleasant but warm trip to this place. At Ft Worth I enjoyed myself finely in company with my old friends at that place. We left early next morning and passed over and amidst the finest and wildest scenery that I have ever seen in any part of Texas. It was worth the trip from Dallas to see it.

At a late hour in the evening we reached this place and stopped with a Dallas County acquaintance, James J. Beeman, and have been far better entertained than I had any reason to anticipate. Biscuits, and cornbread, fat beef, pork, bacon, pumpkins, sallad (polk greens), coffee and milk have been our diet. The bed is neat clean one put up in the smoke house---I'm the only guest that occupies the bed stead. (Here he is referring to bed-bugs).

We have had a sharp quantity of business in court and I have fees on good men to amount of $300.00 certain and about $200.00 conditional. Court adjourned about 4 o'clock

tonight and closed with decidedly a rich farce. The examination of a (Pettifogger for license). I was placed by his Hounour on the committee and we kept the poor scoundrel on the stand for an hour by sun until adjournment of the court then rejected the application and reported that he was not qualified.

In the morning we shall all start for Johnson County by way of Robinson's Mill. We may remain at the latter place to frolic and bathe and fish.

I'm getting very anxious to see you and my boy and shall take the very earliest opportunity to do so. Kiss the boy and learn him to talk before my return, if you can. Be sure and take good care of yourselves. I am in fine health and as bouyant spirits as a fond husband and parent can be when absent from those he loves.

I shall expect a letter from you at Waxahachie, Ellis County. Dom't omit writing. If you do I shall feel seriously disappointed. I shall write you from Wordville and Ellis.

Kiss the boy and tell him to kiss you for me. Give my love to your Pa, Ma, Nat, Tommie and accept the love of your devoted husband.

Signed: John J. Good.

P S I have been boasting large on our boy and those to whom I have talked look upon him as a prodigy of the genus puer. Have not danced a step since leaving home. Party at Ft Worth but did not attend. JJG

Note: This letter was copied by Ruth Cooper, 4820 Worth St., Dallas, Texas, a Beeman descendant, and given to Margaret Boone Ackerman, 6466 Glendora, Dallas, Texas. The latter gave a copy to Kathryne Baker Witty, July 4, 1970.

No. 5 Sanger Brothers - From The Dallas Morning News, Sunday, September 1956. Forward with Texas since 1857.

Isaac Sanger opened the first store in McKinney, Texas in 1857; later stores were opened at Decatur and Weatherford, then at Millican. From 1861 to 1867 the small town of Millican was a railroad terminal, and was a thriving metropolis. It had stagecoach lines connecting it with many points in Texas. Here Lehman and Philip Sanger opened a store, L & P Sanger, which people called Sanger Brothers.

Later stores were opened at Bryan, Hearne, Calvert, Kosse, Bremond, Groesbeck, and in 1871 at Corsicana.

By 1869 Alexander and Samuel Sanger had joined the firm making a total of five brothers. In 1872 Philip and Alexander came to Dallas. It was here the brothers concentrated their efforts.

No. 6 When the Bakers moved to their Plum Creek farm they brought not only their worldly belongings but also a large stock of newspapers, covering many years. There were the publications of William's good friend, the abolitionist, A. B. Norton, whose paper was Norton's Union Intelligencer established in 1856 in Dallas. Some of the papers are still in the possession of Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson (Nee' Angeline Alice Baker), and date back as early as 1872 and as late as 1886.

> "Anthony Bannon Norton was born in Ohio and educated at Kenyon College. After being admitted to the bar at Portsmouth, Ohio, he practiced his profession in Central Ohio and Southwest Texas before the Civil War.
>
> "Arriving in Texas sometime before 1855, Norton began the publication of the Intelligencer at Austin. He

was elected to the Texas House of Representatives of the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Legislatures, 1855-1861. During a recess of the Eighth Legislature, he was appointed adjutant general by Sam Houston.

"With the outbreak of the Civil War, Norton, who was always a Union man, moved to Ohio. He took no part in the military conflict but worked to alleviate the conditions of Texans who were held in northern prisons. After the Civil War, he returned to Texas and accepted the post of a Judge of the district embracing Dallas. Norton became a Republican, published the Union Intelligencer at Dallas, and received a number of political appointments including States Marshal for North Texas. He married Maria Neyland in 1857; they had six children. Norton died on December 31, 1893."

Webb- Handbook of Texas, page 288.

No. 7 From: THE HAMILTON HERALD-NEWS
Thursday, July 13, 1961, Hamilton, Texas.

Tells of First Post Office - Ohio postoffice began May 4, 1882, Wm. Thatcher Baker was appointed on that date.

OLD LETTERS REVEAL HISTORY IN TWO LIBERTY COMMUNITY FAMILIES

By Mrs. Bess Brown, nee Elam

Across the northern part of the Liberty community runs Plum Creek, one of the most beautiful small streams in the county. Its fertile valleys, tall elms, and natural arbors of Mustang grape vines all lend an attraction to the small streams.

About 1879 and 1880 two families settled on this creek. William Thatcher Baker from the state of Ohio settled on the

place now owned by Henry Eisen. William Nile Elam from Missouri purchased a league of land now the Bird Ranch. Wallace Parrish now lives at the site of the original home.

The two families lived only a few miles apart and had much in common. Both were Unionists, and they both believed in the abolition of slavery. This caused the other settlers to label them "Black Republicans" at a time and place when and where it was dangerous to be a Republican.

In 1883 both families were expecting new arrivals. Two baby girls were born. The Bakers called their daughter Angie and the Elams named theirs Bess.

These two girls were again together last Saturday when Mrs. Forrest Nicholson from Hamilton called on Mrs. Bess Brown at the old Elam Ranch headquarters. With her was her niece, Mrs. Brents Witty and her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Fulcher from Blanco. They had been visiting the old home place. E. O. and Grace Elam were also present.

Mrs. Nicholson had with her the original documents and letters of her father's which told something of his activities in this county.

Judging from the letters, Mr. Baker had a very influential friend in Dallas, General A. B. Norton, editor and proprietor of a Dallas paper, "Norton's Union Intelligence." The General was also the United States Marshal of the Northern division of Texas. The many letters from him showed him to be somewhat of a legal advisor for Baker.

One document authorized Baker to be an agent for the paper and to take subscriptions, advertising, and to transact business for it. In another letter Baker was asked to write, "a plain, strong, forcible letter to the President of the United States: setting forth my record as a Unionist and a Republican, brief, and to the point."

Since it was quite a distance on horseback from Liberty to Hamilton and the post office, Mr. Baker -- he had already established a store, a stonegrinding grist mill[9], and a cotton gin powered by a donkey walking on a tread-wheel-- decided that the settlement needed a post office. He wrote to Norton for advice on obtaining one, and in the next letter these requirements were given:

"1. Get a petition signed by all nearby settlers.
2. Get a plat made showing the nearest post-offices.
3. Give it a name.
4. Keep very quiet about it, to keep others from making a similar request."

The requirements were met, and the post office named "Ohio" for Mr. Baker's native state.

Mrs. Nicholson has the original document authorizing the establishment of this post office issued by Postmaster General Timothy O'Howe.

The mail was brought in saddle-bags once a week. No record is given as to the salary of the carrier, but Postmaster Baker was paid $1.00 per quarter, or $4.00 per year, for his services.

The post office was located in the Baker home. The visitors Saturday found the letter mailing slot still in the wall of the former residence.

Elam, a rural teacher, helped Baker persuade several neighbors to subscribe to "The Dallas News" which was published weekly. A year later the mail came twice a week, and "The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News" became available. It was very popular with the settlers.

9. Note: This is an error, Mr. Baker did not have a grist mill.

It even had a "Sister's page" to which women could write letters, and a "Cousin's page" that gave every youngster a "Pen Pal".

In August of 1884, Baker became very ill, and he passed away on August 12, 1884. With his passing the county suffered the loss of its greatest benefactor.

APPENDIX #8

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER

Compiled by

Alma Baker Rea, 1971

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM THATCHER BAKER AND EMILY ELVIRA BEEMAN

I Sarah Mehettable Baker — m — James Alexander Shannon
b 10 Nov 1857 Dallas Co. Tex — b 9 Jan, 1850, South Bend, Pennsylvania
d 7 Oct 1942 Fort Worth, Tarrant Co. Tex. — d 17 Oct, 1892, Hamilton, Hamilton Co. Tex.

Date of marriage, 25 Jan. 1877, Lancaster, Dallas Co. Tex.

6 children

1. Mary Addie Shannon
   b 15 May 1878, Lancaster, Dallas Co. Tex.
   d 15 Oct 1879, Lancaster, Dallas Co. Tex.

2. Effie Elvira Shannon — m — Elbert Franklin Porter
   b 27 July 1880, Lancaster, Dallas Co. Tex. — b 16 Nov. 1877 near Meridian, Lauderdale Co., Mississippi.
   d 30 Mar. 1953, Kerrville, Kerr Co., Tex. Buried in Hico, Tex. — d 16 Nov. 1948 Hico, Hamilton Co. Tex. Buried in Hico.

   date of marriage 9 Jan. 1911, Hamilton, Hamilton Co. Tex.

   Elbert Franklin Porter, a druggist, owned a drug store in Hico, Texas, for many years.

   one daughter

   Martha Porter — m — Lowie Clinton Ritchey, Jr.
   b 23 Feb. 1917, Hico, Hamilton Co. Tex. — b 10 Jan 1920 Alpine, Brewster Co. Tex.
   d _____ — d _____

   date of marriage 2 Sept. 1939, Hico, Hamilton Co. Tex.

   2 daughters and 1 son

   Margas Shannon Ritchey — m — David Gibson Sherrard
   b 6 Dec. 1942 Houston Harris Co. Tex. — b _____
   d _____ — d _____

   date of marriage 3 August, 1968, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Elizabeth Elliott Ritchey m Donald Alan Olson
b 28 Sept 1946 Alpine, Brewster Co., Texas b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 14 June 1969 Metairie, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Lowie Clinton Ritchey III b 28 Sept. 1946
d 1 Oct. 1946

3. Sanford France Shannon m Barbara Kraemer
b 16 April 1883, Hamilton, Hamilton Co. Tex. b _____
d 23 Jan. 1929, Fort Worth Tarrant Co. Tex. d _____

date of marriage _____

2 children

James Alexander Shannon m
b 20 Oct 1920, Chicago, Ill
d _____=

Mary Jane Shannon m
b 16 June 1925, Oklahoma City, Okla.
d _____

date of marriage _____

4. Mable Shannon m Thomas Stratton Gillis
b 25 Feb 1886, Hamilton Hamilton Co. Tex b _____
d _____ d _____ Fort Worth, Tarrant Co. Tex.

date of marriage 29 June 1913 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2 children

Shannon Gillis m Frank Justin Kelly
b 19 June 1919 Fort Worth Tarrant Co., Tex b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 6 Oct. 1940 Fort Worth, Tarrant Co. Tex.

2 children

Frank Stratton Kelly m Lynda Harper
b 16 July 1941 Houston, Harris Co. Tex b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____

Frank Stratton Kelly has a degree in Architecture and his wife Lynda is preparing her dissertation for her doctorate in French, attending both Rice University in Houston, Texas, and the Sorbonne in Paris, France. Jan. 1971.

Carolyn Kelly m Robert Ernest Corry
b 26 July 1943 Houston, Harris Co. Tex. b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____

children

Thomas Stratton Gillis, Jr.
b 2 Feb 1921, Fort Worth Tarrant Co. Tex m Frances Roensch
b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 5 October 1947

Susan Gillis
b 8 Dec 1950
d 20 Dec 1950

Amy Catherine Gillis
b 25 Feb. 1952
d _____

Edward Stratton Gillis
b 15 Jan 1955, Houston Harris Co. Tex.
d _____

5. Carson Baker Shannon, D. D. S.
b 23 Dec 1888 Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas
d 16 July 1927 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in an automobile accident. Buried in Hamilton, Texas.

6. Lona Shannon
b 23 Oct 1891, Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas
d 7 Jun 1963 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas
married twice and divorced each time -- no children.

II James Artemas Baker m Sarah Alice Ratliff
b 22 Sept 1859 Dallas Co., Tex
d 16 Oct 1917 Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex. Buried in Lockney
b 26 Aug 1867 Van Zandt Co., Tex.
d 2 Jun 1967 Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex. Buried in Lockney, Tex.

date of marriage 1 Jan. 1885, Hamilton Co., Tex.
James Artemas Baker was a farmer and a merchant, and member of the Church of Christ.

12 children

1. Meda Mozelle Baker m Lester Monroe Honea, farmer
b 21 March 1886 Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____
b 23 Sept 1881, Cleburne, Johnson Co., Texas
d 1 June 1969, Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex. and buried there

date of marriage 22 March 1903, Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex.

3 children

Olga Honea m Clyde Frances Applewhite
b 23 Nov 1903 Lockney Floyd Co., Tex
d _____
b 23 Aug 1898 Lavernia, Wilson Co., Tex.
d _____
Farmer and rancher

date of marriage 24 March 1932 Lockney, Texas

Alice Honea m Herman Dean
b 1 July 1907 Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex.
d _____
b 7 Jan 1905 Springfield, Sangamon Co., Ill.
d _____

date of marriage _____

1 daughter

Dian Louise Dean m Larry John Foster
b 4 April 1942
d _____
b _____
d _____

date of marriage 1 March 1960, Pampa, Gray Co., Tex.

3 children

Joe Brent Foster
b 1 Nov 1960, Pampa, Gray Co., Tex.
d _____

Jerry Dean Foster
b 28 Feb 1962 Odessa, Tex
d 8 Jan 1966, buried in San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex.

Shawn Hamilton Foster
b 2 Nov 1964 Odessa, Ector Co., Texas.
d _____

T. J. (Thomas Jefferson) Honea m Edna Smith
b 24 April 1910 Lockney, Texas b _____
d _____ d _____
date of marriage 24 March 1932, Lockney, Texas

no children

poultryman first

2. Genella Baker m John Alexander Deavenport, farmer
b 28 Oct 1888 Hamilton Co. Tex. b 1 Aug 1883 Brown County, Tex.
d _____ d 8 Sept 1968 Boulder, Boulder Co. Colorado.

date of marriage 29 Aug 1909 Floydada, Floyd Co., Texas

6 children

Joseph Addison Deavenport m Eileen Genrich married Nov 30-1941
b 27 Oct. 1941 Lockney, Tex. b _____ divorced Feb 14-1950
d _____ d _____
Served in U. S. Navy 22 years addison & Mary M. Grace married Feb 14-1958
date of marriage 30 Nov 1941 " " " divorced " 1- 1961
" " " married Oct 17-1971
1 son John Addison Deavenport
b 5 Oct. 1943 m Bonnie Hubble
d _____ b _____
d _____

one son, John Allan Deavenport
b 26 Sept 1963

Trentie Deavenport m Lowell Wendell Weiss
b 31 May 1913, Lockney, Tex b _____
d _____ d _____
Dist. Manager for
Dale Carnegie Courses
date of marriage _____

2 children

Gail Trentie Weiss m Joseph Marie Kuettel (Swiss)
b 31 May 1913 Lockney, Tex b _____
d _____ d _____
Banker

date of marriage _____

2 children

Athena Ann Kuettel
b 22 July 1967
d _____

David Joseph Kuettel
b 29 July 1969

Lowell Warner Weiss m Martha Louise Locke
b 29 Nov 1942 b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____

4 children

Thomas Scott Weiss
b 31 Jan. 1962
d _____

Sally Lynn Weiss
b 15 Nov 1964
d _____

Kenneth Owen Weiss
b 7 March 1966
d _____

Andrew Lowell Weiss
b 1 March 1967
d _____

Loyd Steele Deavenport m Elizabeth Baird
b 7 Feb. 1916 Boulder, b _____
Boulder Co., Colorado
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 4 May 1938

3 children

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

Loyd Steele Deavenport Jr m Yvonne Karr
b 4 May 1939 b _____
d _____ d _____

2 children

Sherri Kay Deavenport
b 20 March 1965
d _____

Tracey Ann Deavenport
b 31 Aug 1970
d _____

Newton Baird Deavenport m Elizabeth Rosita Vargo
b 11 July 1940 b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 25 July 1970

daughter Yolanda Jean Deavenport
b 4-8-1971

Dennis Leon Deavenport m Martha Ileane Brown
b 19 Jan 1945 b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 7 June 1969
1971 - working on Ph D at TCU

Hope Deavenport m Frederic Andrew Blake, builder
b 30 May 1918, Boulder b Nov 21, 1918
Boulder Co., Colorado
d _____ d _____
Teacher Brick contractor

divorced, 1975
remarried Earl Ault
Jan. 5, 1980

2 children

Robin Frederic Blake
b 16 Sept, 1950, Boulder, Colo. → son - Benjamin Blake
d _____

April Jean Blake
b May 1954, Boulder, Colo.
d _____

Meda Faith Deavenport m Robert D. Coleman, served in
b 1 Mar 1921 Boulder, Colo. b _____ U.S. Navy
d _____ d _____
Secretary

date of marriage 2 October 1952

Olga Diane Deavenport m 1st Ben Adam (divorced)
b 6 August 1924, Boulder,
Boulder Co., Colo
d _____
Teacher

date of marriage 19 July 1946

1 daughter Krishna Adam
b 26 Jan 1953
d _____

Married 2nd, Lloyd Lewis Fells Sept 5, 1955 (divorced)

1 daughter Kathleen Dee Fells
b 7 Aug 1956
d _____

3. France Baker m Leo Maud Watson
b 9 June 1890, Hamilton b 3 July 1893, Howe,
Hamilton Co., Tex. Grayson Co., Tex.
d _____ d 22 Nov 1969, Lubbock,
Lubbock Co., Tex.

date of marriage 8 March 1911

France Baker -- banker and farmer

2 sons

Lennis Watson Baker m Verdie Mae Warren
b 12 Mar 1912, Lockney b 1 Aug 1917 Pontotoc,
Floyd Co., Tex. Pontotoc Co., Miss.
d _____ d _____
Office Supply Co. & Art

date of marriage 15 Sept. 1940, Lubbock, Lubbock Co., Tex.

3 daughters

Carol Janis Baker m Austin Cramer Adams
b 5 Aug 1942, Lubbock, b _____
Tex.
d _____ d _____
Lubbock, Texas

date of marriage 7 August 1965, Lubbock, Texas

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

1 daughter Loaua Michelle Adams
b 29 October 1970, Fort Worth,
Tarrant Co., Texas

Beverly Ann Baker m Marvin Ray Crossnoe
b 17 Aug 1945, Lubbock, Tex b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 29 April 1966, Lubbock, Texas

1 son Chetlen Ray Crossnoe
b 27 March 1970, Lubbock, Texas
d _____

Janet Lyn Baker
b 20 July 1955 Lubbock, Texas
d _____

James Guest Baker m Betty Lee Lindsey
b 3 June 1917 b Carthage, Jasper Co. Missouri
Lockney, Texas
d _____ d _____
Office Supply & Art

date of marriage 18 Aug, 1940, Lubbock, Lubbock Co., Tex.

1 daughter Candace Lee Baker
b 29 April 1951,
Lubbock, Lubbock Co., Tex

4. Norton Baker, Furniture Business
m Myrtle Maude Dial
b 21 April 1892 b 17 Sept 1892, Celeste,
Floyd Co., Tex. Hunt Co., Texas.
d _____ d _____
Financier

1 daughter

Coleta Joy Baker m James Gray Marshall, Real Estate
b 24 Oct 1913, Lockney, Tex b 29 March 1912
d _____ d _____
divorced

Note: Lennis Watson Baker and James Guest Baker are owners of the well known Baker Company and Art Gallery in Lubbock, Texas.

1 daughter

Mary Ann Marshall	m	Henry James Melton
b 26 April 1952, Amarillo Potter Co., Tex.		b _____
d _____		d _____

date of marriage 4 June 1971, in Central Church of Christ, Amarillo, Texas.
Attending University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1971

5. Robin Baker, merchant	m	Rena Mae Smith
b 22 Feb 1894, Lockney, Texas		b 10 Sept 1894, Lockney, Floyd Co., Texas
d 10 Dec 1965, Plainview, Hale Co., Texas		d 2 June 1970, Plainview, Hale Co., Texas

date of marriage 2 January 1915

3 children

Guernes Robin Baker	m	Lillian Frances Smith
b 10 Nov 1917, Lockney, Tex.		b 12 Feb. 1922, Petersburg, Hale Co., Texas
d _____ photographer		d _____

1 son

Charles Wayne Baker	m	La Tresa Van Horn
b 8 Jan 1947, Plainview Hale Co., Tex.		b 6 Sept. 1946, Sayre, Beckham Co., Okla.
d _____ served 2 years in U. S. Army stationed in Germany		d _____

date of marriage 1 Nov. 1967, Shamrock, Wheeler Co., Tex.

1 son Douglas Wayne Baker
b 10 Jan. 1968, Wursburg, Germany

Charles Artemas Baker, M.D.	m	Catherine Marie Burknett, R.N.
b 22 May 1922, Lockney, Tex		b 24 Mar. 1926, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Co., Kansas
d _____ Served in U.S. Navy 1946-1947		d _____ Methodist

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

date of marriage August 1946

5 children

James Andrew Baker died in infancy 1949
b Englewood, Bergen Co., New Jersey

Charles Artemas Baker, Jr.
b 24 Sept 1950, Washington, D.C.
d _____

William Smith Baker
b 4 Feb. 1953, Washington, D. C.
d _____

Marilyn Marie Baker
b 19 Mar. 1956, Washington, D. C.
d _____

Nancy Sue Baker
b 2 Jan. 1958, Washington, D. C.
d _____

Elizabeth Ann Baker — m — Clarence Albert Willis, Accountant
b Sept. 1923, Lockney, Texas
b 22 Sept. 1921, Sanger, Denton Co., Texas
d _____ Secretary and bookkeeper
d _____ 1st Lieutenant WW II in Phillipines

date of marriage 1 Sept. 1946, Plainview, Hale Co., Tex.
members of Church of Christ

4 children
James Michael Willis
b 21 June 1948, Plainview, Hale Co., Tex.
d _____
Mathematician, working on Ph. D. at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

Thomas Malcolm Willis
b 2 Dec. 1949, Plainview, Hale Co., Tex.
d _____
Pre-Med student at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

Mark Albert Willis
b 19 June 1956, Grand Junction,
Mesa County, Colorado
d _____

Susan Mae Willis
b 16 Dec. 1958, Grand Junction,
Mesa County, Colorado.
d _____

6. James Artemas (Artie) Baker (Jr.)
b 22 Sept. 1896, Lockney, Floyd Co., Texas
d _____
m 1st Stella Stalcup (divorced)
b _____
d _____

Artie is a farmer, banker, and owner of an irrigation machine shop, Pecos, Texas. Married 3rd: Trussa _____

2 children

Mary Alice Baker
b Plainview, Hale Co., Texas
d _____

m Francisco Frank Gonzalez
b Nogales, State of Sonora, Mexico.
d _____

2 adopted Mexican children, now grown. No dates given.

Kevin Baker
b 10 Jan. 1935, Lockney Floyd County, Texas
d _____

m Jean Hoggard
b 24 Oct. 1941, Memphis, Hall County, Texas
d _____

date of marriage 7 June 1957, Plainview, Hale County, Texas

Kevin Baker owns skating rinks (roller), in Lubbock, Texas

3 sons

James Drew (Andrew?) Baker
b 29 April 1958, Pecos,
Reeves County, Texas
d _____

NOTE: Artie married 2nd Joe Adams, divorced
3rd Trussa _____ born in Holland.
Was living in Houston, Texas, at the time
of her marriage. Roman Catholic

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

Chris Dwayne Baker
b 20 Oct. 1959 Pecos,
Reeves County, Texas
d _____

James Artemas Baker (III)
b 11 Oct. 1960, Pecos,
Reeves County, Texas.
d _____

7. Dimple Baker, Drygoods Business
b 16 Nov, 1898, Lockney, Floyd Co. Tex.
d _____

m Austin H. McGavock, Pharmacist
b 3 Feb. 1896
d 3 Feb. 1963 Odessa, Ector Co. Tex.
Served in U.S. Army in WWI

date of marriage 12 August, 1920, Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex.

one son - adopted

Monty Malcolm McGavock
b 25 May 1927 Dallas Dallas Co. Tex.
d _____
served in U. S. Navy WW II

m Velva Rose Vaninger,
b 7 Oct. 1927, Trenton, Clinton Co. Ill.
d _____

date of marriage 12 Nov. 1949, Trenton, Clinton Co., Ill.

4 children

Kathryn Lois McGavock
b 15 Sept. 1950 Highland,
Madison Co., Ill.

Karen Ann McGavock
b 3 March 1952, Highland
Madison Co., Ill.
d _____

Monty Malcolm McGavock
b 9 Oct 1955, Highland,
Madison Co., Ill.
d _____

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

Marc Martin McGavock
b 13 Aug. 1957, Highland
Madison Co., Ill.
d _____

8. Eula Lee Baker m Christopher Columbus Seaman
b 26 Dec. 1900, Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex.
d _____
b 15 Oct 1892, Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas.
d 25 Jan. 1963, Sulphur, Murray Co., Oklahoma.
Car dealer; served in WWI

date of marriage 30 Jan. 1921, Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex.

3 children

Christine Seaman m Jean Arthur Shelton
b 18 Dec. 1921, Lockney, Tex.
d _____
School Clerk

Church of Christ
b 12 April, 1918, Sapulpa, Creek County, Okla.
d _____
Retired from U. S. Navy; served during WW II and Korean War

date of marriage 1 June, 1942, Altus, Jackson Co., Okla.

4 children

Dina Lee Shelton m Allen Byron Robinson
b 19 Sept. 1944, New London, Connecticut
d _____
b _____
d _____

date of marriage 10 Aug. 1968, San Diego, Sandiego Co., Cal.

Jean Christopher Shelton (boy)
b 9 Mar. 1946, Lubbock,
Lubbock Co. Tex.
d _____

Eric Mark Shelton
b 11 Jan. 1950 San Diego,
San Diego Co. Cal.
d _____

Claire Marlene Shelton
b 11 Jan. 1950, San Diego
San Diego Co., Cal.
d _____

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

1970 -- Dina Shelton Robinson in Strasbourg, France, where she worked at research at the Institute of Human Rights. Received her law degree from the University of California, Berkley, June 1970, and a $5,000 scholarship to continue study in France.

Jean Christopher Shelton is teaching physics at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he is working on his doctorate. Received B. S. Degree in physics from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif., June 1966.

Eric Mark Shelton is a junior student in History at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Marlene is in France with Dinah and is undecided what she wants to do. Is traveling now. Dec. 1970.

Betty Lou Seaman
b 8 June 1926 Altus, Jackson Co. Okla.

m Timothy Quinlan Phalen
(address unknown 1970)

d _____
Registered Nurse; served in U. S. Air Force; Roman Catholic

date of marriage 18 Feb. 1950; annuled 2 Feb. 1968.

1 daughter Teresa Ann Phalen
b 26 May 1958, Miami, Dade County, Florida

d _____

2nd marriage to Francis Michael Grossman
b 8 March 1904, Westphalia, Anderson Co., Kansas
d _____
Served in U. S. Navy

date of marriage 10 June 1968 Plainview, Texas.

Lonnie Lee Seaman
b 24 March 1928, Altus Jackson Co. Okla.
d _____

m Betty Ruth Perry, teacher
b 5 March _____
d _____

date of marriage 21 Jan 1951, Canyon, Randall Co., Tex.

2 children

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

Claude Alan Seaman
b 31 May 1958 Dallas
Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Kenneth Wade Seaman
b 3 Feb 1960, Dallas
Dallas Co., Texas.
d _____

9. William Dorsey Baker, farmer m Wanda B. Stinebaugh
b 7 Sept. 1904, Lockney, Floyd Co., Tex.
d _____
b 24 Aug. 1909, Farmington, Grayson Co., Tex.
d _____
Methodist

date of marriage 10 June 1933 Fort Sumner, DeBaca County, New Mexico

2 sons

William Norton Baker
b 6 Feb. 1935, Plainview, Hale Co., Tex.
d _____

m Joan Muriel Jacobs, Presbyterian
b 4 Dec. 1936, Corsicana, Navarro Co., Tex.
d _____

Attorney, C.P.A.; served in United States Army; Presbyterian

2 children

Richard Norton Baker
b 6 Nov. 1960, Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas
d _____

Elizabeth Jacobs Baker
b 11 Oct. 1963, Lubbock
Lubbock Co., Tex.
d _____

Dorsey Lynn Baker
b 26 May 1936, Plainview
Hale County, Texas
d _____

m Charlyne Marie Brown
b 9 Oct. 1939, Plainview, Hale County, Texas
d _____

Attorney; Methodist; served 3½ years in Army; Graduate of West Point

Baptist; teacher

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

2 children (girls)

Stacey Lynn Baker
b 19 June 1968 Hinsdale,
Dupage Co., Ill.
d _____

Kari Ann Baker
b 20 July 1969, Hinsdale,
Dupage Co., Ill.
d _____

Husband: William Norton Baker
Born February 6, 1935, Plainview, Hale County, Texas.
Elder son of William Dorsey Baker and Wanda Stinebaugh Baker
(Brother is Dorsey Lynn Baker)
Schools: Lockney Public Schools, Lockney, Texas 1941-1953
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas Summer 1955
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 1955-1959
Degrees: Southern Methodist University B.B.A. degree in Accounting, 1956
S.M.U. School of Law--L.L.B. degree 1959
Received Certified Public Accountant Certificate 1961

June 1959-December 1959 served on active duty with Army in Ft. Leonard Wood and Ft. Ord, California.
October 1961 - August 1962 served on active duty with Army as 1st Lt. in Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

Lived in Dallas, Texas from Jan. 1960 to August 1962; worked as C.P.A. with Peat, Marwick and Mitchell in the Tax Research Department. Moved to Lubbock, Texas in August 1962 as a partner with Edward R. Smith to form Smith and Baker, Tax Attorneys. Began teaching graduate tax courses in Texas Tech School of Business Administration in fall of 1967. President Texas Tech Tax Institute 1967. Deacon, elder, and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church; he joined this church in October 1962. Treasurer of the Lubbock County Bar Association 1970-71. Director of the Security National Bank, Lubbock, Texas 1965 to date. West Texas Museum Association Trustee 1969.

Built home at 4610 20th Street, Lubbock and began occupancy on September 8, 1964.
Interest: Family, religion, financial, books, sports, travel.

Married: December 29, 1959 to Joan Muriel Jacobs
Westminister Presbyterian Church, Corsicana, Texas
Minister officiating: Rev. Eugene Wood, pastor of the Church

Wife: Joan Muriel Jacobs
Born Dec. 4, 1936 Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas
Only child of Herbert Jacobs and George Aileen Castellaw Jacobs (Herbert Jacobs was born in Covington, Kentucky; his wife in Corsicana, Texas)

Schools: Corsicana Public Schools, Corsicana, Texas 1943-1955.
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 1955-1959.
Degree: S M U B A degree in Social Science 1959

February 1959 to November 1959 worked at the Southland Life Insurance Co. in Dallas, Texas in the Mortgage Loan Department.

Children: Richard Norton Baker
Born November 6, 1960 Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas. Memorial Hospital
Baptized: Westminister Presbyterian Church, Corsicana, Texas, May 21, 1961.
Began attending Lubbock Public Schools in September 1966.

Elizabeth Jacobs Baker
Born October 11, 1963, Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas Methodist Hospital
Baptized: First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, January 12, 1964
Began attending Lubbock Public Schools in August 1970.

Written by Joan Baker
December 28, 1970
4610 20th Street
Lubbock, Texas
79407

Husband: Dorsey Lynn Baker
Born: May 26, 1936 Plainview, Hale County, Texas
Schools: Lockney Public Schools, Lockney, Texas '42-'51.
New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N. M. '51-'54.
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas '54-'55.
United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1955-59.
1959-62 He served in the Army and attained the rank of 1st Lt.
1962-1964 He farmed at Lockney, Texas
January 1964 he enrolled at the University of Houston Law School, Houston. September 1964 he transferred to Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas where he receive a LLB degree in August, 1966.
Since that time he has attended George Washington Law School, Washington, D. C. (1966-67) and John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (1967-70) where he has completed most of the requirements towards a Masters of Patent Law degree. September 1970 he was accepted at the University of Chicago, Illinois, to work toward a Masters of Business degree.

Married: June 5, 1965 to Charlyne Marie Brown
First Baptist Church, Lockney, Texas

September, 1966, he moved to Alexandria, Virginia and lived there 15 months while working as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.
December 1967 moved to Downers Grove, Illinois after accepting a position as patent attorney with International Harvester, Chicago, Ill. June 13, 1967 moved into his first house located at 28 W 340 Indian Knoll Trail, West Chicago, Illinois 60135 (1970).

Interests: Sports, mainly as a spectator in recent years but enjoys a game of tennis when the schedule permits. Books and learning in general occupy a great deal of his time but when he has a free evening he enjoys spending it at home with his family.

Wife: Charlyne Marie Brown
Born: October 9, 1939, Plainview, Hale County, Texas
Schools: Lockney Public Schools 1946 - 1958
Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas 1958-62
Here she received a B.S. degree in Home Economics and an all level teaching certificate in art.

September 1962 - June 1965 taught school art at the Denver Avenue Elementary School in Dallas, Texas

Interests: Art, cooking, reading, traveling. Currently she is enjoying being a housewife and mother.

Children: Stacey Lynn Baker (girl) born June 19, 1968 in Hunsdale, DuPage County, Illinois
Kari Ann Baker (girl) born July 20, 1969 in Hunsdale, DuPage County, Illinois

This information written October 29, 1970 by

Charlyne Baker
28 W 340 Indian Knoll Trail
West Chicago, Illinois 60185

#II James Artemas Baker Family (Cont'd)

10. Joseph Lowrimore Baker (Larry) m Ludie Agnes Kennemer
b _____ b _____
d _____ d _____
(deceased)

date of marriage 18 January 1930 Carter, Beckham Co., Okla.

2 sons

Lary Dean Baker
b 30 Oct. 1930 Carter, Beckham County, Oklahoma
d 24 June 1958, buried in Forrest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California

James Deuon Baker, M.D. m Donna Frances Eubank
b 2 June 1936 Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas b 21 July 1937 Lorenzo, Crosby County, Texas
d _____ d _____

Church of Christ
date of marriage 12 June 1959, Idalou, Lubbock County, Tex.

2 children

Gaeron Glenn Baker
b 23 Sept 1961, Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas
d _____

Mary Brendell Baker
b 8 August 1963, Dallas Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

11. Mary Baker m James Melvin Phillips
b 22 May 1908, Lockney, Floyd Co., Texas b 29 May 1905 Holiday, Benton County, Tennessee
d _____ d _____
Newspaper reporter Cashier Church of Christ

date of marriage 28 September 1930

1 child (adopted)

Sarah Helen Phillips m Charles David Schandua
b 30 March 1947, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 10 August, 1968, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas

one daughter Judy Ann Schandua
b 31 December 1969, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas

12. Helen Gerald Baker m Lewellen Edward Gross
b 5 Feb. 1914 Lockney, Floyd County, Texas b 19 Dec. 1914 Sherman County, Nebraska
d _____ d _____
Methodist; Served in United States Navy

date of marriage _____

one daughter

Elizabeth Alice Gross m Fred Marvin Stokes
b 5 May 1938 Plainview, Hale County, Texas b _____
d September 1971 d _____

date of marriage _____

one adopted child, a son

David Edward Stokes
b 6 March 1964
d _____

III Francis Houston Baker m 1st Eulalie Crews
b 13 Dec 1861 Dallas County, Texas b 28 Jan 1866 Cotton Hill, Georgia
d 3 Nov 1930 Hamilton, Texas d 16 Oct 1892, Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas

Served as postmaster at Ohio, and owned a grocery store in Hamilton, Tex.

date of marriage 1 July 1885 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.

3 children

#III Francis Houston Baker Family (Cont'd)

1. Infant Son Baker
b 28 Jan 1866, Ohio, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 21 Feb 1866, Ohio, Hamilton Co., Tex.

2. Berta Baker — m — George Elam Walker
b 18 Dec. 1886, Ohio, Hamilton Co., Tex. — b 27 June 1879 Williamson Co., Tex.
d _____ — d 7 Sept 1956 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
Presbyterian

date of marriage 14 Sept 1908, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.

one daughter

Mildred Walker — m — Bryan Calvin Henderson,
b 1 Sept 1912 Sonora Sutton Co., Tex. — Insurance
b 6 Nov 1903, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____ — d _____

date of marriage 27 Dec. 1932, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
Presbyterian

one daughter

Martha Kay Henderson — m — Jerry Edward Galloway
b 31 May 1953, Midland, Tex. — b _____
d _____ — d _____

date of marriage 31 Oct 1971, Midland, Texas
Memorial Christian Church

3. Helen (Lennie) Baker — m — Robert Bernard Miller
b 6 Jan 1889 Ohio, Hamilton Co., Tex. — b 12 July 1890 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 5 Nov. 1971 buried in Hamilton, Tex. — d 2 Feb. 1967, Hamilton, Tex.
Methodist — Banker and Wholesale Oil Agency

date of marriage 23 June 1914, Hamilton, Tex.

children Frances Helen Miller
b 13 April 1915 Hamilton, Tex.
d 24 April 1927 Hamilton, Tex.

Margaret Elizabeth Miller — m — Harold Truman Gunn,
b 16 Sept 1915, Hamilton, Tex — Firestone Bus.
b 1 Oct 1908, Round Rock, Tex.
d _____ — d _____
Methodist

date of marriage 18 Sept. 1934

Children Robert Harold Gunn m Elizabeth Ann McBrine
b 16 July 1936 b 7 Nov. 1942
d _____ d _____
Pharmicist and Bacteriologist

one daughter Christy Elizabeth Gunn
b 8 March 1965
d _____

Jerry Miller Gunn m Charlotte Ann Campbell
b _____ b 4 Sept. 1942
d _____ d _____
Athletic Coach

date of marriage _____

one son Curtis Scott Gunn
b 6 March 1965
d _____

Robert Bernard Miller, Jr. m Mavis Josephine McKinley
b 8 Feb. 1917 Hamilton, Tex b 9 Aug. 1921, Hamilton, Tex.

Owner of HAMILTON HERALD RECORD, Hamilton, Texas, Episcopalians

date of marriage 14 June 1941, Hamilton, Texas
in St. Mary's Church.

Children: Mary Lenn Miller
b 18 Sept 1947 Hamilton, Texas
d _____

graduated from University of Texas with highest honors, now attending University of Wisconsin, has earned a Master's Degree, and now working toward her Doctorate. She is a Phi Beta Kappa. 1971-attending the Sorbonne, Paris, France.

Roger Paul Miller
b 19 July 1950 Hamilton, Texas
d _____

1971: attending Texas A & M College on a $5,000 scholarship.

Mavis Ann Miller
b 6 Oct 1954 Hamilton, Texas
d _____

Robert Kenneth Miller
b 30 Nov. 1955 Hamilton, Texas
d _____

Charlotte Eulalie Miller
b 17 July 1920 Hamilton, Texas
d 18 Sept. 1931 Hamilton, Texas

Martha Jean Miller
still born 18 Nov 1923

Virginia Moss Miller m Douglas Thomas McLemore
b 12 Sept. 1928 Hamilton, Tex b 16 Feb. 1926
d _____ d _____
teacher

date of marriage 16 July 1957, Hamilton, Texas

2 children Thomas Miller McLemore
b 14 Nov. 1958
d _____

Elizabeth McLemore
b 20 June 1960

Mary Otis Miller
b Jan 1933 Hamilton Texas
d 31 July 1942 Hamilton, Texas

4. Otis Crews Baker
b 3 December 1890 Hamilton, Texas
d 21 November 1907, Hamilton, Texas
Died of accidental gunshot wound.

III Francis Houston Baker m 2nd Elizabeth Martin
b 13 Dec 1861 Dallas Co. Tex b _____
d 3 Nov 1930 Hamilton, Tex d _____

Presbyterian

date of marriage _____

2 children

1. Leo Martin Baker m Lucile Ellsworth
b 1 Oct 1894, Hamilton, Tex b 30 April 1893, Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois.
d 3 Oct 1963, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex. buried 5 Oct 1963, Irving, Dallas Co., Tex. d _____

Salesmanager: Methodist

date of marriage 25 Oct 1915 Waco, McLennan Co., Tex.

4 children

Helen Lucile Baker m Harold W. Holloway, salesman
b 5 June 1917 Cleburne, Johnson Co., Tex. b 25 May 1915 St Louis, St Louis County, Missouri
d _____ d _____

Christian Church
Served in United States Navy WW II

date of marriage 20 April 1940, St Louis, St Louis County, Missouri

one daughter Peggy Lu Holloway
b 17 February 1955, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.
d _____

Overton Ellsworth Baker
b 2 August 1919 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 19 Jan. 1922 Macon, Georgia, buried in Hamilton, Tex.

Leo Martin Baker Jr.
b 24 May 1927 Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Tex.
d 2 July 1950 Evanston, Cook County, Ill., while attending Northwestern University. Buried 7 Oct 1963, Irving Dallas Co., Tex.

Betty Ann Baker m James Francis Kelleher
b 21 March 1935, St. Louis, St. Louis Co., Missouri
d _____
b 5 Feb 1929, Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas
d 4 Oct 1967, Irving, Dallas Co., Texas. Buried 6 Oct 1967, Irving, Dallas Co., Tex.

date of marriage 12 August 1954, Irving, Dallas Co., Tex.

James Francis Kelleher was an Aero Engineer, Presbyterian.

3 children

Kraig David Kelleher
b 2 Oct 1955 Denton, Denton Co., Tex
d _____

Karen Denise Kelleher
b 10 Aug 1960 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Amy Beth Kelleher
b 31 Aug 1965 Irving, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

2. Hazle Baker, social worker
b 27 June 1904 Hamilton, Tex.
d _____
m 1st James (?) Crowley - divorced (now deceased)

2nd Joe Todd Russell, Salesman
b 18 Nov 1903, Vicksburg, Warren Co., Mississippi

date of 2nd marriage 16 Dec 1935

Note: James Crowley was the father of Hazle's two sons, who were adopted by Joe Todd Russell.

2 sons and 1 daughter

James Baker Russell m Marie Bell
b 27 Nov 1926, Lubbock, Lubbock Co., Tex.
d _____
b _____
d _____

date of marriage 2 April 1951, Montebello, California.

2 sons

#III Francis Houston Baker Family (Cont'd)

Stephen Maynard Russell
b 10 April 1953
d _____

Brant Baker Russell
b 17 July 1955
d _____

Leo Baker Russell m Ethel Gatzky
b 9 Feb 1929, Lubbock b _____
Lubbock Co., Tex
d _____ d _____

Served in the Korean War

date of marriage 20 July 1951
San Diego, San Diego County, California.

2 sons

Kim Russell
b 4 June 1958
d _____

Mark Russell
b 15 May 1960
d _____

Joleen Russell m Clifford Pitman
b 25 Feb 1939 Hamilton, b _____
Hamilton Co., Tex
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 3 July 1959, Downey, California.

2 children

James Todd Pitman
b 27 Dec 1967
d _____

Kelly Corrine Pitman
b 30 Jan 1968
d _____

IV William Thatcher Baker, M.D. m Nannie Key
b 9 Jan 1864 Lancaster, Tex. b 29 Sept. 1864, Palestine, Tex.
d 19 Feb 1935 Dallas, Tex. d 16 Jan 1957 Arlington, Tex.
Members of Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)

date of marriage 13 June 1886, Jonesboro, Hamilton Co., Tex.

3 children

1. Otwell Scott Baker m Corine Holford
b 2 May 1887, Brownwood Brown Co., Tex. b _____
d 29 Aug. Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex. d _____deceased
Both are buried in Laurel Land Cemetery, Dallas, Tex.

No children

2. Coleta Baker m 1st Turner S. Rollins, Jr.
b 29 Nov 1888 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex. b _____
d _____ d April 21, 1910

date of 1st marriage 31 July 1909

date of 2nd marriage 28 June 1921 to Harry J. Williams, Attorney
b _____
d 3 March 1967, Dallas, Texas.

one daughter

Turner Rollins m Joseph Warren Dubois, Jr.,
b 28 Aug 1910, Dallas Dallas Co., Tex. b _____Louisiana
d _____ d _____

one son (adopted) H. Carter Dubois
b 18 Jan 1949
d _____

3. Netta Baker
b 15 June 1892, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 18 Jan 1919, Dallas, Texas, buried in Oak Cliff Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

V Jane Emily Baker m Ralph Piper Edgar, teacher
b 10 Dec. 1866, Hamilton Co., Tex. b 29 April 1856, Ball Town, Mo.
d 7 Mar 1947, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex. d 3 Aug 1939 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex
Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)

date of marriage 22 August 1883, Hamilton Co., Tex.

Children

1. John Oliver Edgar m Delores Delgado
b 24 Aug 1885 Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex. b _____
d 2 Feb. 1951, San Antonio, Bexar Co., Tex. d _____deceased

date of marriage 20 Feb. 1919 in San Antonio, Tex.

no children.

2. William Thatcher Edgar m Selma Olena Peterson
b 25 June 1888 Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex. b 27 Nov 1892 Clifton, Bosque Co., Tex.
d 9 Nov 1968 Dallas, Tex. d _____
Electrician

date of marriage 15 July 1915

one daughter

Jane Louise Edgar m Jacob Chandler Mathis
b 11 Nov 1919 Sugarland Fort Bend Co., Tex. b 24 Sept 1911 Gilmer, Upshur Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____
Secretary Dry Cleaning Business

date of marriage 11 May 1943, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

2 children

James Chandler Mathis, b 13 June 1944 Salem, Oregon — graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; worked for Boeing Aircraft 3 years; now attending University of Indiana, working toward a Master's Degree.

#V Jane Emily Baker Edgar Family (Cont'd)

Selma Jane Mathis
b 14 Jan 1947, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

Graduate of University of Texas, P E Major, presently teaching in the Houston Public Schools

3. Ralph Piper Edgar, Jr.,
b 24 Nov 1891, Hamilton, Tex.
d 27 Nov 1908, Hamilton, Tex.

VI. Elizabeth Scythia Baker m David Bunch Holland
b 8 Feb 1869 Bear Creek near Lancaster, Dallas Co., Tex.
d 28 Nov 1932 Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex.

b 20 March 1856, Steens Creek (Florence) Rankin Co., Miss.
d 16 March 1948, Waxahachie, Ellis County, Texas.

Both buried in Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas.

Dry Goods Store

date of marriage 24 Dec. 1885, Ohio, Hamilton Co., Tex.

11 children

1. William Mordica Holland m Cleo Pope Cook
b 21 Nov 1886, Ohio, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 9 Sept 1958 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

b _____
d _____ deceased

Salesman, and Insurance Business

date of marriage 5 Oct. 1935, Dallas, Tex.

no children

2. James Harvey Holland m Euna Vaye Morgan
b 19 Dec 1888, Ohio Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____

b 18 Sept 1891, Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex.
d _____

Show business, teacher, and salesman

date of marriage 9 March 1910

3 children

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

Aris Maxine Holland m Eugene Carroll Kenyon
b 7 March 1911, Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex. b 22 March 1908, Carthage, Jasper Co., Mo.,
d _____ d 5 August 1969, Dallas, Tex.

date of marriage 2 June 1930

4 children

Charles Kenneth Kenyon m Janelle Hull
b 22 Mar 1931 Carthage, Jasper Co., Mo. b 7 June 1934, Cleburne, Johnson Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 24 Feb 1957.

3 children

Charles Kenneth Kenyon, Jr.
b 11 Dec. 1960 Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Tex.
d _____

Robert Holland Kenyon
b 13 April 1964, Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Tex.
d _____

Christine Jannelle Kenyon
b 27 July 1967 Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., Tex.
d _____=

Carol Jeanine Kenyon m Hal C. Douglass, Jr., M.D.
b 24 July 1933 Carthage, Jasper Co., Mo. b 19 Sept 1932 Mercedes, Hidalgo Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 12 July 1958

3 children

Carol Jeanine Douglass
b 25 July 1960, Houston Harris Co., Tex.
d _____

Kay Anne Douglass
b 17 July 1964 Houston
Harris Co., Tex.
d _____

Janna Kathleen Douglass
b _____ Dallas,
Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Robert David Kenyon m Peggy Ruth Herrin
b 30 Nov 1934 Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex. b 28 Aug 1934, Brandon, Hill Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 19 Nov 1966

Kathryn Sue Kenyon m Gilbert Lawrence Jentz, Jr.
b 2 Feb 1938 El Paso, El Paso Co., Tex. b 27 Dec 1933
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 28 April 1956

2 children

Gilbert Lawrence Jentz III
b 18 July 1967 Port Arthur,
Jefferson Co., Tex.
d _____

Kathryn Sue Jentz
b 3 Oct 1969 Port Arthur,
Jefferson Co., Tex.
d _____

James Harvey Holland, Jr.
b 22 March 1919 m Betty Jo Howard
Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex. b 6 Oct 1930, Beaumont, Jefferson Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 24 Dec 1953.

3 children

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

Roger David Holland
b 29 Oct 1954
Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Richard Bruce Holland
b 26 Sept 1960
Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Betty Ann Holland
b 16 Aug 1960
Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Dina Sue Holland
b 17 April Irving,
Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Betty Jane Holland m James Alfred Taylor (Pete)
b 10 Oct 1929 Taylor, b 23 July 1929
Williamson Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____

2 children

Steven Jay Taylor
b 12 June 1953, Wichita,
Sedgewick Co., Kans.

Kathryn Vaye Taylor
b 29 May 1958, Fort Worth,
Tarrant Co., Tex.
d _____

3. Davie B. died at birth

4. Charles Baker Holland m Hazel Mae Crawford
b 27 Oct 1892, Ohio, b _____ Arkansas
Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 9 Nov 1951 d Oct 1962, Clarksville, Tex.
World War I Veteran buried in Clarksville, Tex.

date of marriage _____ 1916

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

2 children

Martene Holland m Gavin Watson (a County Judge)
b 23 March 1923 Bristow, Creek Co., Okla. b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 4 June 1952 Clarksville, Red River Co., Tex.

Charles Baker Holland, Jr. m Maude Lowe
b 22 Dec 1925 Bristow, Creek Co., Okla. b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____ Norman, Oklahoma

Note: Gavin Watson was County Judge in Red River County, Texas, at one time and was born there. No other information on this family.

5. Herbert Monroe Holland m Stella Mae Ellis
b 2 May 1894 Hamilton Co., Tex
d 14 Nov. 1953 _____

date of marriage 27 Sept 1936 no children

6. Loneta Holland m Charles B. Hackney
b 25 July 1897 Midlothian Ellis Co., Tex.
d _____

date of marriage 9 January 1938

no children.

7. Ned Baker Holland m Pauline Phillips
b 27 May 1900 Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex. b 22 Oct Pecan Gap, Delta Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

Salesman

date of marriage 9 June 1923

2 daughters

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

Nedline Holland m Morris Carper,
Pilot in U.S. Air Force,
Colonel
b 16 May 1924
Midlothian,
Ellis Co., Tex.
b _____
d _____ d _____

3 daughters

Gwen Frances Carper m David Wesley Smith
b 22 Jan 1945 Dallas,
Dallas Co., Tex
b _____
d _____

date of marriage _____

2 daughters

Lori Lyn Smith
b 31 Dec 1964 Mt Holly
Burlington Co., N. J.
d _____

Kelli Smith
b 27 Jan 1967, Mt. Holly,
Burlington Co., N. J.
d _____

Glenda Lynn Carper m Charles Steven Kincade
b 5 July 1950
Biloxi, Harrison Co.,
Miss.
b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 26 May 1971

Martha Leanna Carper
b 22 Sept 1960 Mt Holly
Burlington, N. J.
d _____

Gwendlyn Holland m Iddo Lampton Davis
b 27 Feb. 1926
Midlothian
Ellis Co., Tex.
b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 25 January 1946 _____ Episcopalians

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

3 children

Pamela Ann Davis m James Harry Cummins
b 11 Jan 1948, Jackson, Hinds Co., Miss. b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 19 Dec. 1969 _____

Iddo Lampton Davis, Jr.
b 19 Oct 1951, Jackson, Hinds Co., Miss.
d _____

Barbara Nell Davis
b 26 March, Brookhaven, Lincoln Co., Miss.
d _____

8. Moe Silverberg Holland m Vivian Boyd
b 30 Oct 1901, Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex. b 13 May 1906
d _____ d _____

Ladies Ready-to-Wear Salesman

date of marriage 14 Feb. 1938

1 son

Moe Silverberg Holland, Jr. m Terri Herrin
b 11 July 1942, Dallas, Tex. b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 19 Aug 1967

a daughter Amy Reni Holland
b Feb 1969 Waxahachie, Ellis Co., Tex.
d _____

9. Berin U. Holland m Erma Robinson Barker
b 12 April 1904, Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex. b 12 Oct 1907 Moody, McLennan Co., Tex.
d 4 April 1967 Dallas, Tex. d _____

date of marriage 19 April 1931

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

2 children -- twins

Conrad Foy Holland
b 20 Feb 1933 Dallas, Tex
d 22 Feb 1933 Dallas, Tex

Constance Joy Holland m Willie Eugene Coleman
b 20 Feb 1933, Dallas, Tex. b 23 Oct 1932 Pensacola, Baldwin Co., Fla.
d _____ d _____

Dancing teacher

date of marriage 14 June 1952

2 children

William Eugene Coleman, Jr.
b 6 Jan 1954 Pensacola, Baldwin Co., Fla.
d _____

Connie Joy Coleman (Candy)
b 17 April 1964 Dallas, Tex.
d _____

10. David Bunch Holland, Jr. m Margaret Pardue
b 18 April 1909 Midlothian, Ellis Co., Texas b _____
d 28 July 1966 Dallas, Tex. d _____
Salesman

date of marriage 24 December 1936

2 children

Betty Jo Holland m James Albert Dorsey
b 3 June 1940 Dallas, Tex. b 6 April 1939 Dallas, Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____

3 daughters

Pamela Ann Dorsey
b 31 July 1965, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

#VI Elizabeth Scythia Baker Holland Family (Cont'd)

Paula Kay Dorsey
b 14 May 1968, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Julie Beth Dorsey
b 28 Aug 1970, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

David Bunch Holland III m Stefani Maria Lobello
b 13 Aug 1943 Dallas, Tex b _____
d _____ d _____

date of marriage _____

2 children

Samuel David Holland
b 15 Oct 1965, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Tracy Ann Holland
b 21 July 1970 Dallas, Tex.
d _____

11. The 11th child Max L. Holland never married
b 23 Oct 1913 Midlothian, Ellis Co., Tex.
d 19 Sept 1968 Midlothian, Tex.

VII Charles Curtis Baker, D.D.S.
m Bertha Alma Nicholson
b 30 Jan 1871, Dallas Co., Tex. b 9 Feb 1876, Hamilton, Tex
d 21 Mar 1942 Hamilton, Tex d 27 March 1958, Hamilton, Tex.
Both are buried in New I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hamilton, Tex.

In THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED YEARS
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Texas Dental Association

On page 24: listed among Pioneer Texas Dentists

C. C. Baker joined Texas Dental Association 1899.

On Page 160: Application for membership was made at 19th Annual Session of the Texas Dental Association, May 16, 17, 18, Waco, Texas, 1899. The several applicants were voted in unanimously.

On Page 236-E is a picture of one of the first diplomas issued by Texas Dental College, to Dr. Charles Curtis Baker, 1906, Courtesy of Dr. Thomas R. Williams, Baylor Dental.

3 children

1. Kathryne Baker, teacher (Ret.)
b 6 Dec 1897, Hamilton, Tex.
d _____

m

Milton Brents Witty, Merchant
b 14 April 1896, Hico, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____
WWI - 2nd Lt. 16th Co. Central Machine Gun Officers Training School, Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

date of marriage 5 June 1924 St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Tex.

4 children

Milton Brents Witty, Jr., C.L.U.
b 11 Dec 1926 Hamilton, Tex.
d _____
Insurance
Served in Military during WW II

m

Avis Clyde Gardner, Teacher
b 20 Sept 1927, Hamilton, Tex.
d _____
Episcopalians

date of marriage 11 Aug 1951 in First Methodist Church, Hamilton, Tex.

3 children

Kathleen Witty
b 27 June 1952, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.
d _____

Milton Brents Witty, III
b 8 May 1956, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.
d _____

#VII Charles Curtis Baker Family (Cont'd)

Michael Scott Witty
b 12 Oct 1965 Monroe,
Ouachita Parish, La.

Kathryne Witty, teacher m William Watkins Nelson, Architect
b 31 August 1928, Hamilton, Tex
d _____
b 1 Dec 1926, Clinton, Custer Co., Okla.
d _____
Episcopalians
Served in United States Navy

date of marriage 30 Aug 1950, St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, Texas

4 children

Jane Nelson
b 26 Dec 1952 Bethesda, Montgomery Co., Md.
d _____

Alexander Duncan Nelson III
b 26 Dec 1954 Corpus Christi Nueces Co., Tex
d _____

Sarah Nelson
b 9 Sept 1956 Corpus Christi, Nueces Co., Tex.
d _____

Martha Nelson
b 31 May 1958 Corpus Christi Nueces Co., Tex.
d _____

Anne Witty m William Drewry Olmsted
b 6 Feb 1934 Hamilton, Tex
d _____
b 24 March 1932, Minneapolis, Minn.
d _____
Episcopalians
Engineer & Salesman

William D. Olmsted, Staff Sergeant U S Air Force, 607th Air Craft and Warning Control #16354229 Korean War

date of marriage 27 August 1956 Hamilton, Texas, in St. Mary's Episcopal Church

4 children

#VII Charles Curtis Baker Family (Cont'd)

William Drewry Olmsted, Jr.
b 11 Apr 1958 Milwaukee
Milwaukee Co., Wis.
d _____

Mary Kathryne Olmsted
b 4 Nov 1959, Milwaukee
Milwaukee Co., Wis.
d _____

Thomas Witty Olmsted
b 4 July 1962,
Milwaukee, Wis.
d _____

Brents Witty Olmsted
b 6 Nov 1964
Milwaukee, Wis.
d _____

Charles Nicholson Witty m Jana Lee Pettett, secretary
b 12 Aug 1937 Hamilton, Tex. b 30 Oct 1939 Matoy, Okla.
d _____ d _____

Business College - teacher
Served in US Army

date of marriage 5 June 1961 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
Episcopalians

Charles Nicholson Witty (son of Kathryne Baker and Milton Brents Witty) enlisted in the Artillery in Abilene, Texas, November 15, 1956; was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. Served three years. After basic training he was designated as an enlisted student.

Separation of Charles Nicholson Witty reads as follows: Headquarters U.S. Army Aif Defense Center, Fort Bliss, Texas November 9, 1959. S P - 4 (E4) Charles N. Witty RA 18503947 225.18 VIII US Army Corps. (Res) Austin 14, Texas (PFC E-3 Arty R A) 114 Baker St., Hamilton, Texas. P.E. Abilene, Texas E.M. has completed 3 years Military Service.

For the Commander James M. Frisch
2nd Lt. A G C

#VII Charles Curtis Baker Family (Cont'd)

2 sons (Charles Nicholson Witty)

Samuel Baker Witty
b 15 Jan 1962 Dallas, Tex
d _____

Joseph Stephen Witty
b 29 May 1967 Monroe,
Ouachita Parish, La.
d _____

2. Alma Baker, teacher (ret)
b 16 Nov 1898,
Hamilton, Tex
d _____

m

Otto Newton Rea, rancher
b 2 Feb 1895 Hamilton Co.,
Tex.
d _____

date of marriage 28 June 1926 in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Texas

Otto Newton Rea served in World War I, Sergeant, Company D, 348 Machine Gun Battalion, 91st Division in 3 major drives: Defensive Sector- St. Mihiel; Meuse-Argonne; Ypres-Lys. American Expeditionary Forces 1918

2 children

Nancy Rea, teacher
b 30 April 1927,
Hamilton, Tex
d _____

m

Jack Robinson, Jr.,
Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force,
Retired 31 July 1969
b 26 Nov 1920 White Flat,
Motley County, Texas
d _____

Episcopalians

1970 - teaching ROTC

date of marriage 8 July 1947 St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church, Lubbock, Lubbock County, Tex.

3 children

Paul Shannon Robinson
b 7 Jan 1950 Lafayette,
Lafayette Parish, La.
d _____

#VII Charles Curtis Baker Family (Cont'd)

Karen Robinson
b 15 April 1953 Lubbock,
Lubbock Co., Tex
d _____

Susan Robinson
b 13 Mar 1956 Altus,
Jackson Co., Okla.
d _____

Peter Baker Rea m Jacquelyn Delores Prause,
b 26 Feb 1929 Secretary
Hamilton, Tex b 10 May 1926
Colorado Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

skilled machinist and welder
Military service of Peter Baker Rea: enlisted 17 Nov. 1950;
discharged 18 Aug 1953, Rank Corporal US 54 028 581:
Engineers: Army of the United States

date of marriage 21 July 1956 Trinity Lutheran Church,
Houston, Harris Co., Tex.

2 children -- 1 daughter and 1 son

Mindy Ann Rea
b 6 Dec 1958 Houston,
Harris Co., Tex.
d _____

Kerry Baker Rea
b 6 March 1961 Houston,
Harris Co., Tex.

3. Charles Curtis Baker, Jr., D.D.S.
m Marjorie Katherine Duffie
b 5 March 1902 Hamilton, b 1 April 1904 Los Angeles,
Hamilton Co., Tex Los Angeles Co., Calif.
d _____ d _____
Episcopalians Antique dealer

date of marriage 30 Oct 1926 Russellville, Pope Co., Ark.

3 children

Charles Curtis Baker III m Norma Lou Roberts
b 16 Feb 1930 Hamilton, b 28 July 1930, San Antonio
Hamilton Co., Tex. Bexar Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____
Insurance Served in USAF Math Teacher

date of marriage 7 June 1952 San Antonio, Texas
members of St. Albans Episcopal Church, Arlington, Tex.

2 children

Charles Curtis Baker IV
b 8 July 1954 Mitchell Air Force Base
Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.
d _____

Kathryn Baker
b 14 March 1962 Arlington,
Tarrant Co., Tex.
d _____

Stella Gretchen Baker (adopted)	m	William Jackson Dean
b 16 Aug 1933 Hamilton, Tex		b 21 Dec 1929 Louisiana
d 24 May 1963 in airplane crash in Arkansas		d 24 May 1963 in airplane crash in Arkansas

date of marriage 26 Dec 1955 in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Tex.
Both are buried in the Baker Plot in New I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hamilton, Texas

2 children

William Jackson Dean
b 22 Jan 1960
d _____

Cassandra Dean
b 17 April 1962
d _____

(both children are members of St. Albans Episcopal Church, Arlington, Tex.)

These children are being reared by their legal guardians Charles Curtis Baker III and wife Lou Roberts Baker 1213 Colonial Courts, Arlington, Texas.

John Duffie Baker	m	Ella Kay Vaughan, Art Teacher
b 17 Jan 1937 Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex.		b 17 June 1941 Port Arthur, Jefferson Co., Tex.
d _____		d _____
Sales - Mobile Homes		

#VII Charles Curtis Baker Family (Cont'd)

2 children

Marjorie Kay Baker
b 16 March 1964 Dallas, Texas
d _____

John Duffie Baker, Jr.
b 18 Oct 1966 Dallas, Texas
d _____

Notes: The Charles Curtis Baker Family has been and still is active in city and county projects, and the social life in Hamilton, Texas.

Dr. Baker, Sr. served on the school board and on the City Council, and took an active part in politics. A member of the Republican Party, he served as County Chairman; was a State Executive Committeeman for twenty-six years; and attended several National Republican Conventions, the first one in 1908 in Chicago, Illinois.

Son Charles also served as State Committeeman for the 12th Senatorial District of Texas, 1948 - 1966. Scouting has been one of his interests.

Mrs. Baker, Senior, helped organize the public library in Hamilton and served as its first president. She was active in all phases of the work in St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The elder daughter, Kathryne Baker Witty is most public-spirited and has been responsible for the placing of Historical Markers on all places of historical significance in Hamilton County. At this writing she is Chairman of the Hamilton County Historical Survey Committee and the annual Cleanup and Beautification Project in the City. She is a devoted member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. (March 1971)

The younger daughter, Alma Baker Rea, and family moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1943 where she taught Social Studies for twenty-one years, during which time she earned a Master's Degree from Texas Tech University. Since retirement her interests have been in things historical. Served five years as president of the General James Smith Chapter, Daughters

of the Republic of Texas; and now is active in the Nancy Anderson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Last but not least duties in St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church hold a major place in her activities.

VIII Norton Amos Baker, merchant m Gay Miller
b 9 Sept. 1873 Dallas Co., Tex. b 28 Sept 1874
d 17 May 1943, Dallas, Tex d _____
Methodist

date of marriage 11 Sept 1895 Hamilton, Texas.

1 daughter

1. Erma Baker m E. Carl Patton, merchant
b 23 Dec 1896, Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex. b 21 June 1891, Ethel, Grayson Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 23 Oct 1917 Spur, Texas

Children of Erma Baker Patton -- 2 sons

Carl Baker Patton (with Lockheed) m Betty Bogue, Investments
b 29 Oct 1919 Sherman, Denison Co., Tex. b 22 Feb. 1921, Los Angeles Los Angeles Co., Calif.
d _____ d _____

1st Lt. Air Corps, WW II

date of marriage 29 March 1946, Ocean Side, Calif.

2 children

Bradley Patton
b 7 Oct 1949 Torrance, California
d _____

Penny Patton
b 17 July 1951, Santa Monica, Calif.
d _____

#VIII Norton Amos Baker Family (Cont'd)

Ned Baker Patton,
Educator m Patricia Bark
b 12 Dec 1933 Cisco, Eastland Co., Tex. b 13 June 1928, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
d _____ d _____

1st Lt. Inftry WW II

date of marriage 10 Sept 1950, Hermosa Beach, Calif.

2 daughters of Ned Baker Patton

Roxanne Patton
b 26 Aug 1950
San Pedro, Calif.
d _____

Shelly Patton
b 9 Oct 1951
San Pedro, Calif.
d _____

Stacy Mari Patton
b 6 Nov 1956
San Pedro, Los Angeles Co., Calif.
d _____

Note: Patricia Bark Patton is employed by Republican Party Organization. June 1971.

IX John (Erskine) Beeman Baker
druggist m Amma Pinkerton
b 20 Oct 1876, Lancaster Dallas Co., Tex. b 9 Apr 1878, Carlton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 18 March 1955, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex. d 24 July 1965, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

date of marriage 22 Aug 1899 Hico, Hamilton Co., Tex.

2 daughters

1. Mable Minier Baker,
secretary m Rex Benton DeSpain
b 31 July 1902 Haskell Haskell Co., Tex. b 23 Feb 1901
d _____ d 21 June 1932, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

date of marriage 23 Dec 1922, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

#IX John (Erskine) Beeman Baker Family (Cont'd)

one daughter

Barbara Jean DeSpain m Charlie Bruton Cade, M.D.
b 2 Feb 1929, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex. b 15 May 1927, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

4 children

Rex Charles Cade
b 28 June 1949, Austin, Travis Co., Tex.
d _____

Sharon Ruth Cade m Joe Swansey
b 15 Sept 1951, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex. b _____
d _____

date of marriage June 1970

Randall Lee Cade
b 5 Sept 1953, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Colin Ray Cade
b 3 Nov 1956, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

2. Amma Hortenz Baker m Blumer W. Bradshaw, Jr.
b 27 Aug 1911, Haskell, Haskell Co., Tex. b 27 June 1911 Seymour, Baylor Co., Tex.
d _____ d _____

date of marriage 6 April 1942, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

2 sons

Robert Dorman Bradshaw, Senior at Vanderbilt University, 1970.
b 8 March 1949, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Roger Brian Bradshaw, Sophomore at Southern Methodist University, 1970
b 24 Sept 1951, Dallas Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

X Margaret May Baker
b 2 July 1878, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 18 July 1955 Eastern Star Home, Arlington, Tarrant Co., Texas

m 1st John Lynn, Methodist Minister

m 2nd Cash Mathis, retired Methodist Minister

no children

XI Mary Oconasta Baker
b 7 July 1880, Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 5 July 1963, Dallas, Tex.

m Malcolm Alvah Boone, M.D.
b 1 June 1875, Lafayette Springs, Miss.
d 23 Nov 1956, Dallas, Tex.

date of marriage 2 Feb 1903, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.

6 children

1. Emily Elizabeth Boone
b 12 Nov 1903 Jonesboro, Coryell Co., Tex.
d _____

m George Travis Lackey, 1st
b 3 Nov. 1908, Wellington, Collingsworth Co., Tex.
d 27 April 1958, Boulder, Boulder Co., Colo.

date of marriage 9 March 1929, Grace Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas

one daughter

Mary Margaret Lackey
b 4 March 1931, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

m Jackson Grover Akin, Jr. 1st
b 23 April 1918
d _____
Attorney; divorced

date of marriage 22 Nov 1953, Santa Fe, Santa Fe Co., N.M.

2 children of Mary Margaret Lackey Akin

Emily Ann Akin
b 23 April 1954, Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., N. M.
d _____

#XI Mary Oconasta Baker Boone Family (Cont'd)

Stephen Jackson Akin
b 15 Nov 1955 Albuquerque,
Bernalillo Co., N. M.
d _____

Mary Margaret Lackey Akin m 2nd John Marshall Rhodes,
b March 1926, Oakland, Calif.
d _____
Professor in College

date of 2nd marriage 11 March 1967, Albuquerque,
Bernalillo Co., N. M.

Emily Elizabeth Boone Lackey m a 2nd time to
William Silas Henson
b 3 Sept 1892, Danville,
Boyle Co., Ky.
d 9 Dec 1954, Dallas,
Dallas Co., Tex.

date of marriage 8 Sept 1945 in
Church of Incarnation
Episcopal, Dallas, Tex.

2. Malcolm Brown Boone m Margaret Owen Forrester
b 29 April 1905 Jonesboro, Coryell Co., Tex.
d _____
b 18 June 1905, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Insurance

date of marriage 29 Nov. 1929, Dallas, Tex.

one son

Malcolm Owen Boone m Shirley Marie Stritesky
b 2 Dec 1931, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____
b 30 Jan 1932, Chicago, Ill.
d _____

date of marriage 29 Dec 1956 Cicero, Ill.

Children of Malcolm Owen Boone

Catherine Louise Boone
b 21 Nov 1957, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

Susan Marie Boone
b 23 March 1959, Dallas, Tex.
d _____

XI Mary Oconasta Baker Boone Family (Cont'd)

Janice Ann Boone
b 29 June 1960
Oklahoma City, Okla.
d _____

Margaret Frances Boone
b 24 Nov 1961
Dallas, Texas.
d _____

3. Margaret Boone,
Home Economics Teacher
b 12 Dec. 1906, Jonesboro Coryell Co., Tex.
d _____

m Gilbert Evan Ackerman,
Col. in U. S. Army, Ret.
b 26 Feb 1894, Brooklyn, N. Y.
d _____

date of marriage 20 July 1946 in the Family Home, 4301 Windsor Parkway, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

4. Mildred Boone
b 11 Oct 1908, Jonesboro, Coryell Co., Tex.
d _____
Teacher and Librarian

m Joel Watkins Haden,
Salesman and Farmer
b 8 Sept 1904, Atlanta, Cass Co., Tex.
d 18 Oct 1958, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

one son

Joel Watkins Haden, Jr.
b 31 Dec 1940, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____
teacher

m Judy Carol Harp
b 28 May 1946, Amarillo, Potter-Randall Co., Tex.
d _____

date of marriage 17 June 1967, First Christian Church, Amarillo, Texas.

one son

Joel Watkins Haden III
b 21 February 1971, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

5. William Bascomb Boone
Elementary School Principal
b 8 Nov. 1910, Jonesboro, Coryell Co., Tex.
d _____

m Mary Eleanor Wilie
b 3 Sept 1918, Austin, Travis Co., Tex.
d _____

#XI Mary Oconasta Baker Boone Family (Cont'd)

date of marriage 30 Oct 1941, Grace Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.

2 daughters

Anita Carol Boone
b 15 Sept 1948, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

m

Joe E. Jones III
b 6 Oct 1946, Little Rock, Ark.
d _____

date of marriage 6 Feb 1970, Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

Janice Lynn Boone
b 11 March 1952 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d 10 Oct 1958 Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.

6. Sybil Boone
b 12 Sept 1913, Hamilton Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____

m

James Franklin Crews, Geologist
b 12 Aug. 1913, Waxahachie, Ellis Co., Tex.
d _____

date of marriage 3 April 1938, First Christian Church, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.

Children -- twin girls

Marcia Ann Crews
b 26 April 1943, Dallas, Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

m

Charles Lewis Tait
b 13 July 1942, New Orleans St. Charles Parish, La.,
d _____

date of marriage Aug 21, 1965, Houston, Tex.

one daughter Shannon Tait
b 2 February 1970, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.
d _____

Marian Ruth Crews
b 26 April 1943 Dallas, Tex.
d _____

m

Joel Arthur Newsome III
b 10 Aug 1943, Houston, Harris Co., Tex.
d _____

date of marriage 24 November 1965

XII Angeline Alice Baker m Jacob Forrest Nicholson
b 26 Feb. 1883, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____
b 7 Nov. 1878, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d 6 Oct 1960, Hamilton, Tex.
Lumber Salesman

Post Office Civil Service Clerk
Member of Disciples of Christ
(First Christian Church)

date of marriage 23 June 1908, Hamilton, Tex.

5 children

1. Angeline Nicholson m Robert Lee Fulcher
b 17 May 1909 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____
b 2 July 1903, San Saba, San Saba Co., Tex.
d _____
Pharmacist & Property Owner

date of marriage 11 August 1936, Blanco, Blanco Co., Tex.

one daughter Sarah Angeline Fulcher, singer
b 15 Oct. 1940, Blanco, Blanco Co., Tex.
d _____

2. Jacob Forrest Nicholson, Jr. m Lucille Lawler
b 9 Oct 1910 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____
b _____
d _____
Divorced

Railroad Mail Clerk

date of marriage _____

one son

Jacob Forrest Nicholson, III
I B M Salesman; B. S. and M.A. degrees from Texas A & M
b 22 Oct 1941, Amarillo, Tex.
d _____
m Catherine Morris
b 8 Nov. 1943, Roswell, Chaves Co., N. M.
d _____

date of marriage 25 January 1965, Amarillo, Texas

Children

#XII Angelina Alice Baker Nicholson Family (Cont'd)

Barry Wayne Nicholson
b 15 May 1962 Dallas,
Dallas Co., Tex.
d _____

Melinda Carol Nicholson
b 2 January 1964
Amarillo, Tex.
d _____

Angeline Nicholson
b 28 Dec 1967 Bryan,
Brazos Co., Tex.
d _____

Catherine's 1st husband Jerald A. Morris, now deceased; her maiden name was Catherine Diane Patterson. Jacob legally adopted Barry and Melinda in 1968.

3. James Baker Nicholson m Wayne Boler
b 27 Feb 1914, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____

b 9 Jan 1913, Indian Gap, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____

Served in U. S. Air Force

date of marriage 20 May 1938

one son

Kenneth Boler Nicholson m Renate Eckeesberger
Air Traffic Instructor
b 24 Jan 1940, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____

b 29 Aug 1946
Ezelsdorf, Germany
d _____

date of marriage 14 May 1964, Nueremburg, Germany; living in Germany 1971.

two daughters

Michaela Ingrid Nicholson
b 23 Oct 1965, Nueremburg, Germany
d _____

#XII Angelina Alice Baker Nicholson Family (Cont'd)

Aretha Wayne Nicholson
b 12 Oct 1970 Nueremburg, Germany
d _____

4. Eunice Nicholson m Anthony Caserta
b 17 Feb 1917 Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.
d _____
b 28 Nov 1916 Piqua, Miami County, Ohio
d _____

date of marriage _____ Piqua, Miami Co., Ohio.

two daughters

Teresa Caserta
b 25 July 1952, Piqua, Miami Co., Ohio
d _____

Anita Caserta
b 18 Sept 1953, Piqua, Miami Co., Ohio.
d _____

5. William Lynn Nicholson m Frances Joan Stocks
b 10 June 1922 Hamilton, Tex.
d _____
b 2 Jan 1930, Hamilton, Tex.
d _____

Served in U S Air Force
WW II. Rural Route Mail Carrier

date of marriage 17 Dec. 1948, Hamilton, Hamilton Co., Tex.

two daughters

Alice Ann Nicholson
b 31 Jan 1953, Temple, Bell Co., Tex.
d _____

Frances Blanche Nicholson
b 27 June 1955, Temple, Bell Co., Tex.
d _____

APPENDIX #9

TWIN OAKS historical marker dedicated March 14, 1968.

From left, Alma Baker Rea (Mrs. Otto Newton Rea), Charles Curtis Baker, Jr., and Kathryne Baker Witty (Mrs. Milton Brents Witty)

Note: Two markers are on this wrought iron fence enclosing the residence, which read as follows:

TWIN OAKS NAMED FOR HISTORIC TREES. Built by Dr. Charles Curtis Baker (1871-1942) City's first resident dentist, descendant of the Beemans, one of Dallas' founding families; graduate of Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Republican State Executive Committeeman for 26 years. Dr. Baker built "Twin Oaks" with ball and billiard rooms unique in Hamilton. At death of widow, Alma Nicholson Baker, 1958, the home was sold to Andrew Campbell. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1968.

TWIN OAKS. Between these trees William Willis took refuge on Dec. 24, 1866, but was shot fatally by Indians. He was riding a mule to a dance when attacked. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1967.

Address of this residence, "Twin Oaks", today is Campbell Lane at East Baker Street, Hamilton, Texas.

From THE HAMILTON HERALD-NEWS, Thursday, June 11, 1970
Hamilton, Texas

HISTORICAL MARKER FOR GRAVE OF W. T. BAKER

More than 50 descendants of Texas pioneer William Thatcher Baker joined a group of Hamilton County citizens for dedication of a Texas State Historical Marker at his grave in the New I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Hamilton Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Baker family met in Hamilton for their annual reunion at the Hamilton Youth Center.

Lynn Nicholson, a grandson of the pioneer, read a history of his pioneering activities in Hamilton and Dallas counties. Baker was originally buried near Ohio in Hamilton County, a community which he served as postmaster and to which he gave its name.

Mrs. Forrest (Angeline Baker) Nicholson of Hamilton attended the Baker reunion and dedication service. She is the only surviving child of William Thatcher Baker and the former Emily Beeman. There were six sons and six daughters in the family.

The history was compiled by Mrs. M. Brents Witty of Hamilton, another grandchild of the pioneer.

Members of the Baker family attending the reunion were:

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Mathis, Mrs. William Thatcher Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Baker Holland, Mrs. Charles B. Hackney, Col. and Mrs. Gilbert Ackerman, and Mrs. Hal Douglass, Carol, Kay and Janna, all of Dallas:

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Holland, Mrs. Maxine Holland Kenyon, and Robert Kenyon, all of Irving;

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis Baker III, Kathryne, Cassandra, and Wilson Dean, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jack Robinson, Karen and Paul, all of Arlington;

Mr. and Mrs. Otto N. Rea, Lubbock; Mrs. Robert Fulcher, Blanco; Jacob Forrest Nicholson, Jr., Amarillo; Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mrs. Irene Herring Gilliland of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson III, Barry, Melinda and Angeline, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Baker Rea, Mindy and Kerry, all of Houston;

Mr. and Mrs. M. Brents Witty Jr., Kathleen, Milton and Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Witty, Samuel and Stephen, all of Monroe, Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. William W. Nelson, Jane, Alex, Sarah and Martha of Comfort;

And Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson, Sr., Mrs. R. B. Miller, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. M. Brents Witty, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Nicholson, Ann and Blanche, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller, Roger, Ann and Kenneth, all of Hamilton.

Special guests, friends of the family, were Mrs. John Stocks, Hamilton; Mrs. Marion Roberts, San Antonio; and Mrs. Ella May Faulkner, Dallas.

Note: The first William Thatcher Baker Family Reunion was held on May 29, 1912, in the home of the mother, Emily Elvira Beeman Baker, in Hamilton, Texas. All twelve children were present. Glen Rose, Texas, was the meeting place for several years and was changed to Hamilton, where the most of the family lived, and now, 1971, the only surviving member, Angelina Alice Baker Nicholson, lives.

HISTORICAL MARKER -- William Thatcher Baker, Oct. 10, 1830-August 12, 1884; Farmer, Rancher, Merchant, and Ginner, born in Ohio. In 1850 he moved to Pleasant Run, Dallas County, Texas. Married Miss Emily Elvira Beeman, the daughter of James Jackson Beeman, Dallas Pioneer. Although a Unionist, as a loyal Texan he made shoes for Confederacy in the Civil War, 1861-1865. Later he ran ferry 1½ miles below Dowdy's Ferry on Trinity River. Moved (1879) to Plum Creek Farm, Hamilton County. Established post office named "Ohio" there on May 4, 1882. Recorded 1970.

Angelina Alice Baker Nicholson (Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson) Baker Reunion June 7, 1970, Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas, I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Large Baker monument erected by Charles Curtis Baker, D.D.S. seventh child of William Thatcher Baker and Emily Elvira Beeman Baker.

From THE HAMILTON HERALD-NEWS, Thursday, June 10, 1971

BAKER REUNION FEATURES GRAVE MARKER DEDICATION

Descendants of the six sons and six daughters of William Thatcher Baker and wife, Emily Elvira Beeman Baker, met at the Lions Club Youth Center in Hamilton Sunday, June 6.

This was the 51st meeting since the 1912 family reunion at Emily's home which she had built two years before at 522 East Leslie in Hamilton.

After the noonday meal, most of those present drove to Lampasas to dedicate the historical grave marker of James Jackson Beeman, father of Emily.

Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson, nee Angelina Alice Baker, is his only living grandchild in Hamilton.

After dedication of the marker which was co-sponsored by the Lampasas and Hamilton County historical survey committees, Mrs. Alfred Bullion, secretary of the Lampasas County Committee, entertained the group at her home in Lampasas with refreshments.

The grave of James Jackson Beeman is located in the Lampasas Cemetery on Porter Street in the western portion of the city. The inscription on the historical marker is:

"JAMES JACKSON BEEMAN (December 21, 1816 - December 7, 1888). One of the first settlers in Dallas and Weatherford. Born in Madison County, Ill.; came to Texas 1840. He helped cut first road in Trinity Bottoms, named Turtle Creek (1841) and Plat City of Dallas, 1842. He guided Texas President Sam Houston to Indian parley, 1843; joined California Gold Rush, 1849; pioneered Parker County, 1854; aided in rescue of Comanche captive Cynthia Ann Parker, 1860; returned to Dallas

to live, 1864. Died in Lampasas."

Lucius M. Stephens of Lometa, chairman of the Lampasas County Historical Survey Committee, was master of ceremonies. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. William Anthony of St. Mary's (Lampasas) Episcopal Church. Fred Cotton of Weatherford gave the address. Charles Curtis Baker, III, of Arlington gave the dedication. Samuel Baker Witty of Monroe, Louisiana, unveiled the marker.

Attending the Baker reunion and dedication were:

From Hamilton, Mrs. Jacob Forrest Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Nicholson, Ann and Blanche, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis Baker; Mr. and Mrs. M. Brents Witty; Mrs. Clyde Gardner; Mrs. John Stocks.

From Blanco, Mrs. Robert Fulcher.

From Lubbock Mr. and Mrs. Otto Newton Rea.

From Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis Baker III, Charles IV and Kathryn; Cassandra and Wilson Dean, and Mike Burch; Lisa Prine and Kevin Meier; Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jack Robinson and Paul.

From Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. John Duffie Baker, Marjorie Kay and John Duffie Baker, Jr.

From Dallas, Col. and Mrs. Gilbert Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Moe S. Holland, and Mrs. Thatcher Edgar.

From Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Baker.

From Monroe, La., Mr. and Mrs. M. Brents Witty, Jr., Kathleen, Milton and Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholson Witty, Samuel and Stephen.

And the following from various points: Mr. and Mrs. James M. Phillips, Port Lavaca; Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mrs. J.A. Gilliland, Austin, Mrs. Marion Roberts, San Antonio; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cotton, Weatherford.

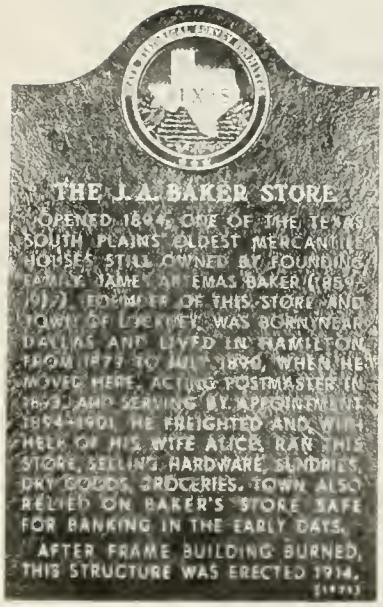
William Lynn Nicholson, Speaker for Dedication of Historical Marker placed on grave of William Thatcher Baker, June 7, 1970, in the New I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas. In background of picture are relatives and descendants. From left to right standing are Mrs. Clyde Smith of Austin, Texas, Avis Gardner Witty, Kathryne Baker Witty, Jacquelyn Prause Rea, Peter Baker Rea, Mindy Ann Rea, Kerry Baker Rea, Nancy Rea Robinson, Kathryn Baker, and Jane Louise Edgar Mathis.

Baker Reunion held June 7, 1970.

James Jackson Beeman, father of Emily Elvira Beeman, copy of a tin type picture, made in the 1850's. The suit was probably made by his third wife, Elizabeth Baker. Note the Masonic apron and white gloves.

Note: See new book Famous Trees of Texas, page 169, which describes THE DISTRICT COURT OAK near where James Jackson Beeman's cabin was built. Beeman's Fort as it was known locally, was a welcome stop to weary travelers along the Old Fort Worth-Belknap Stageline Road in 1842, five miles north of the present town of Weatherford.

In 1936 the State of Texas erected a red granite marker near the above named tree, designating the site of the first county court in Parker County.



J. A. BAKER

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Honoring
Our
Founders

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ALICE BAKER

BAKER STORE SINCE '94

The marker reads:

THE J. A. BAKER STORE

OPENED 1894, ONE OF THE TEXAS SOUTH PLAINS' OLDEST MERCANTILE HOUSES STILL OWNED BY FOUNDING FAMILY. JAMES ARTEMAS BAKER (1859-1917). FOUNDER OF THIS STORE AND TOWN OF LOCKNEY, WAS BORN NEAR DALLAS AND LIVED IN HAMILTON FROM 1879 to JULY 1890, WHEN HE MOVED HERE. ACTING POSTMASTER IN 1893, AND SERVING BY APPOINTMENT 1894-1901. HE FREIGHTED AND WITH HELP OF HIS WIFE ALICE, RAN THIS STORE, SELLING HARDWARE, SUNDRIES, DRY GOODS, GROCERIES. TOWN ALSO RELIED ON BAKER STORE SAFE FOR BANKING IN THE EARLY DAYS. AFTER FRAME BUILDING BURNED, THIS STRUCTURE WAS ERECTED 1914.

(1971)

PRESS COVERAGE OF DEDICATION OF TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER FOR J. A. BAKER STORE, LOCKNEY, TEXAS, MAY 14, 1971

AMARILLO DAILY NEWS, May 15, 1971

STORE AT LOCKNEY GOING STRONG AFTER 77 BUSY YEARS

By Bob Davis, Staff Writer

Lockney - Residents of this South Plains community paused for an hour Friday afternoon to reflect on the town's history and to commemorate one of the Panhandle-Plains' earliest mercantile establishments with a Texas Historical Society plaque.

The 77-year old J. A. Baker Store once served as a bank, a general store, and post office for pioneer residents of Floyd County and was the first business in Lockney.

In his dedication address, Dr. Kline Nall, an English professor at Texas Tech University, said, "The years of this store's existence have been the times of the greatest changes of all history in speed, in morals, in manners, in economics; but through those years this store has remained constant".

Dr. Nall, a former Lockney resident, told an estimated 300 persons gathered in front of the store, that the family honored by the placing of the marker typifies the pioneer plains family in its hardiness and willingness to work.

It was a nostalgic occasion. Oldtimers nearing the century mark clasped hands and recalled the early days. A few were around when James Baker set up his all-purpose store, laid out the town's streets and planted the first trees on what was then nothing more than a sea of grass.

By the time former Floyd County District Attorney John B. Stapleton, who served as master of ceremonies, introduced

Dr. Nall, the crowd had grown to the extent that Lockney police cordoned off one block of Main Street until the ceremonies were finished.

Baker's Store is currently operated by Mrs. Dimple Baker McGavock, one of the six daughters of James and Alice Baker and the store's original proprietors. Baker died in 1917 and his wife died 50 years later at the age of 100, (lacking three months).

In addition to Mrs. McGavock, several of the other Baker children were on hand to observe the occasion.

The second of the Baker's 13 children, Mrs. Nell Deavenport, 88, of Boulder, Colo., was six when her father parked their covered wagon on a 160 acre tract of prairie land destined to become Lockney.

"We lived in that covered wagon for six weeks," recalled Mrs. Deavenport, "while Father went to Amarillo to get some lumber to build the house and store."

Mrs. Deavenport has no problem remembering those early days when "one dollar would buy a 50-pound sack of flour or eight pounds of "coffee" and when her mother declared she would never sell a dozen eggs for more than a nickle.

"The medium of exchange back then", she recalled, "was fence posts or mules more often than dollars."

In 1914 the original building was destroyed by fire and Baker rebuilt the present structure. Following her husband's death in 1917, Mrs. Baker continued to add on to the brick store until by the 1930's the whole block of Main Street was a series of Baker businesses; a dry goods store, a hardware

store, an implement store, a grocery store, a furniture store and a bank.

Only the dry goods store is in business now, the others have long since been disposed of.

A third daughter present for the ceremonies, Mrs. J. M. Phillips of Port Lavaca, said her mother was in Kansas City once at market when another person questioned a suggestion as non-businesslike.

"Mother told him, 'You don't do business with business. You do business with people-- if you are smart.' That was Mother's code," said Mrs. Phillips.

When asked the importance of Friday's ceremonies Mrs. Phillips expressed eloquently what most of the old timers felt, "We are here to share memories with my mother and daddy of the good years, the bad years, the years of peace and plenty, the drought and the war years -- their lives as they lived it, here."

From LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL May 24, 1971

Front page

BAKER ESTABLISHMENT AT LOCKNEY STORE BOASTS 77-YEAR TENURE

By Tanner Laine

Reposing in the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University are an estimated 83,000 pieces of history, all dealing with one general store.

This is a collection of the papers of the J. A. Baker Store at Lockney. It fills 91 boxes and separately-bound books.

An historical marker recently was affixed to this store, which is one of the oldest (1894) business concerns on the Plains still operating under one family ownership.

Dr. Kline A. Nall of Texas Tech, who made the dedicatory address at ceremonies for the marker, sponsored by the Floyd County Historical Survey Committee, said about his research for the address; "I have not had time to become really well acquainted with these papers."

He offered this letter as an example of the undergirding principle of this store and acumen of the family behind it;

Lockney, Texas, Oct. 22, 1915

Mr. J. A. Baker

Dear Sir: Please send me a bottle of Garrett Snuff on the mail tomorrow.

Respt. Yours,
J. R. Mahaffey

Dr. Nall said: "Mahaffey never douted that he would get his snuff and the Bakers never doubted that he would pay for it sometime when he came into town."

"Maybe one of the reasons why the Bakers kept their records and correspondence was that letters meant a great deal in those early years. There were no telephone, no radio, or television and newspapers and magazines were scarce and usually much out of date."

The dedication speaker continued: " I wonder if Mrs. Baker, who actually ran the store, did not have posterity in mind from an early time, as she carried these documents down to the basement year after year."

Some scholar, some day will find a ready-made chronicle of merchandising and business as conducted on the South Plains of Texas before the turn of the 20th Century.

And he will find, as well, the story of the courage of pioneer store's operators-- a family dedicated to serving the community in which it was located.

Because in 1894, this store provided a post office, groceries, hardware, drygoods, and even fence posts. It became a focal point for all the community. Moreover, it became a clearing house for the sale of crops, cattle and poultry. It was a temporary bank of honesty and integrity.

At one time, the store, before 1914, had a millinery shop noted for hats for brides.

The Baker Store had off shoots. A very important one was the Lockney Coal & Grain Co.

Very early, the store acquired a safe and since no bank was in the town, the people frequently asked the Bakers to keep money for them.

The Baker menfolk, as pioneers often did, dreamed big, and sometimes they plunged. Always in the background, Mrs.

Baker and the daughters held the store together.

That feminine strength still counts. For it was Mrs. Dimple Baker McGavock who opened the Baker Store doors this very morning.

The Baker Store is a tremendous story of one business institution that stood the test of time for 77 years and still is operating. More, it also is a story of a family of husband, wife and 13 children, (A Baker's dozen, mind you). Only one of the children died before reaching maturity and rearing his own family. One family member, France Baker, lives in Lubbock today.

The early "Shingle" read: "J. A. Baker, a Small Concern, Doing a Big Business."

The fierce pride and loyalty of Family members, so tersely expressed in 1894, continues today and the historical marker on the up-to-now version seems truly appropriate.

APPENDIX 10

REMINISCENSES OF MY PARENTS
Mr. and Mrs. James Artemas Baker

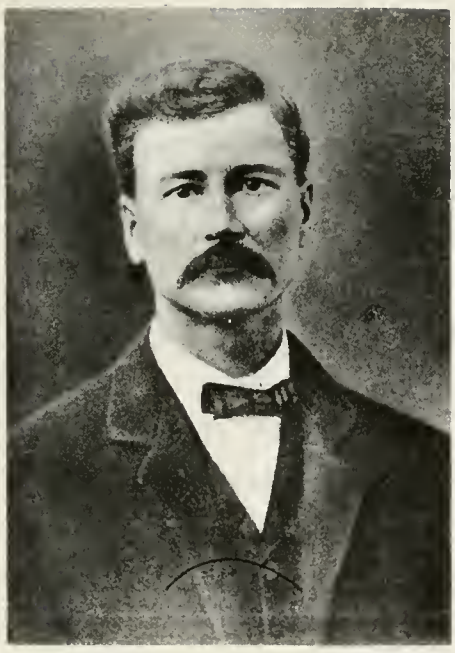
and

Early days in Lockney, Floyd County, Texas

by

Genella (Nell) Baker Deavenport

Boulder, Colorado



JAMES ARTEMAS BAKER

Date of Birth:
September 22, 1859
in Dallas County, Texas

Date of Death:
October 16, 1917
at Lockney, Texas

SARAH ALICE BAKER

Date of Birth:
August 26, 1867
in Van Zandt County,
Texas

Date of Death:
June 2, 1967
at Lockney, Texas

My mother, Sarah Alice Ratliff, was born August 26, 1867, in Van Zandt County, Texas. She was the daughter of Nancy and Stephen Ratliff. Her father died when she was a baby. Later her mother married a Mr. Basham. His father, a former slave owner, gave them a large home in Arkansas. The house was above a river. The family there was sick with chills, so her mother and Mr. Basham moved back to Eastland County, Texas. Alice remembered living there with the good fruit they had to eat, and also the trips there and back that they had in a covered wagon. At the age of eight years, she was taken by her grandfather, Dr. Smith, to the home of her mother's sister, Ella, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Sparkman in Hamilton, Texas, where she attended school. They had two little girls younger than Alice. Her Aunt Ella was sick much of the time, so Alice helped with the housework and attended school until she was eighteen. She spent the summers with her mother and her family in Eastland County, Texas. Papa's mother's parents were on their way from Illinois to Texas and she was born in a covered wagon.

His father, William Thatcher Baker, and his mother, Emily Elvira Beeman, were married in Parker County, Texas then went to Dallas County, Texas to make their home where James Artemas Baker was born September 22, 1859.

On January 1, 1885, Alice married James Artemas Baker, who was postmaster in the small town of Ohio in Hamilton County, completing the term of his deceased father. They lived with his widowed mother on the Baker farm in the Ohio community. Their first child, Meda, was born March 21, 1886. The following year my mother taught school at Live Oak, a small community in Hamilton County. She rode a horse with a side

saddie about a mile each day and held Meda in her lap. Her young sisters-in-law, Margaret, Mary, and Angie, rode behind the saddle and attended school. Aunt Angie, who is still living at Hamilton, gave me these facts.

As soon as my father could, he bought some land and built a little cabin near the Baker farm where they made their home. Here I was born October 28, 1888. My brother, France, was born in 1890.

In the summer of 1889 Papa drove his team of mules with a wagon to Wichita Falls, Texas. While there he earned $5.00 a day for himself and team working in the wheat harvest. When harvest ended he followed the Fort Worth and Denver Railway to Amarillo, Texas, where he bought a small tract of land, just where I do not know. Someone told him to go see the land south of Amarillo. Going there, he came to a small settlement called Lockney, named after a Mr. Lockney. He filed on six hundred and forty acres of land south of Lockney, and then returned to Hamilton County, Texas.

In the spring of 1890 he was Tax Assessor for Hamilton County. Preparations were made to move his family to the Plains of Texas.

It was the first part of July when we began the trip travelling in two covered wagons. One wagon was fixed with a bed in one end for the family and carried our essentials for the trip. The other wagon was loaded with furniture, plows, tools, and feed for the horses and two mules that we took. Papa's brother, Norton, age seventeen, drove a team of horses with one of the wagons. We went by Mama's mother's home in Eastland County to visit with her and her family.

On this trip we met another family, Mr. and Mrs. Hall

and son, Claude, who were also travelling to Floydada. Later Claude published the first newspaper in Floydada known as the Hesperian. One day, shortly before completing the trip, we ran out of food, and it rained slowly all day. Mama had a big, black umbrella which one never sees at this day and time, which she braced with rocks over a fire on the ground so as to bake sour dough biscuits in her dutch oven. We carried firewood and water in the wagon. Another day we saw a stray chicken, and Uncle Norton and Mama thought that we might catch it and have chicken for supper. They were chasing it around when a man stuck his head seemingly out of a hole in the ground and said, "Leave my chicken alone." They had not noticed a dugout there where the man was living.

Our journey to Floyd County took seventeen days. After spending a night in Floydada, we went on the remaining twelve miles to Old Lockney where we received mail from home. Mr. Davis, the Postmaster in Old Lockney, lived with his family in a three-room house. He kept a few groceries and had the Post Office in one room, and they lived in the other two rooms. He told Papa that he could set his covered wagon bed inside the yard near the windmill, and lent him a cow so that there would be milk for his family. Mama and we three children lived in the covered wagon bed in Mr. Davis' yard while Papa and Uncle Norton hauled the lumber from Amarillo one hundred miles away to build our first home on the section of land that Papa had filed on four miles south of Lockney.

Floyd County, Texas, was organized in May, 1890, and we arrived in late July of that same year. The report that the Baker family camped on the lawn of the Floydada Courthouse is incorrect. Mama told me several times that we lived near the Davis home in a wagon bed and cooked with a dutch oven. On

the Plains there were no trees, creeks, hills, rocks, or fences between settlers' homes -- just grass and sky as far as one could see. Roads were staked on the grass to travel by until a path was worn down. One dark night Papa got lost while returning from Floydada, so he plowed a furrow with a walking plow for about eight miles to our new home, turning the grass sod one way so that if he or anyone else got lost after dark he could follow the furrow home from Floydada, placing a lantern on the wagon tongue -- keeping it straddled the furrow.

In the spring of 1891 the crops were planted by Papa and harvested in the fall. Then he started freighting to Amarillo and Childress to make a living. On these trips Papa would be away from home a week or longer. At times Mama would see no one until he returned.

There wasn't much that we could do isolated as we were from the few people there on the Plains. There would be times when we could see someone passing in the distance either in a wagon or on horseback. I remember standing with Mama and Meda and watching the traveler as long as he could be seen.

Mama sewed our clothing by hand. Later Papa traded one of his plows for an Eldridge sewing machine. He built us a small hen house and we started raising chickens and getting eggs which was a big help in making a living. Papa also set out some fruit trees, broke sod land for a garden which we planted and raised vegetables in, and planted some flowers near our house and dugout. Mama read the Bible a lot of the time as she had time on her hands. But when we moved to the Davis place in Old Lockney where she took up the Post Office job and store work she had plenty of work to do.

Once we wanted to visit the J. Q. Johnsons, our closest

neighbors, some three miles to the west, so Mama put Meda on Ole Mollie, a trusted and gentle mare. France and I rode in a little wagon with a long rope tied around Ole Mollie's neck. Mama walked and led Ole Mollie, and we went to visit the Johnson family.

Because of the high wind which was always with us, and sometimes blew very hard, Mama was afraid that our little new two room house might blow over. So, on account of such high winds and Papa being gone so much of the time, Mama persuaded Papa to build us a dugout. He dug a two room dugout, and it happened that he had enough lumber to floor one of the rooms and put lumber on the walls of the same room, so that one of the rooms would be completely covered with lumber. Now the other room was left natural, and/or "of nature", just Mother Earth floors and walls. It also happened that there was a hole or crack of Mother Earth in the room that was left natural which we used as a store room. That hole was used by Mama to empty her wash water all along, but it never would fill up. That was a great convenience to her. Papa fixed some windows in the other room up next to the ceiling of the dugout which gave us plenty of light.

One day Mama brought home a little china doll about eight inches long. Holding it up she said, "Look, Nell." I reached for it but she said, "No, you can't have it until you quit sucking your thumb." That night, after we had gone to bed, Mama came to cover us up and saw both of my arms locked above my head. She said, "Nell, put your arms under the covers or you will be cold," I said, "I am afraid I will suck my thumb." I quickly broke the habit and was given the doll.

One day a Mrs. White came to see us. She noticed a new grey calico dress hanging on the wall, and asked Mama to give the dress to her, saying that she needed one. As it was

Mama's nature to help everyone, she gave her the dress.

Papa's brother, Norton, who drove one team and wagon to the Plains, stayed with us for two years helping us to get started, then he wanted to return home. We took him to Childress, Texas, by wagon so that he could take the train to Hamilton. I remember this trip. We camped near Childress. It was about dark when we were eating supper by the side of our wagon that we heard a loud whistle and noise that the train was coming. That was the first and last train I saw until I was grown.

In April of 1892, my brother Norton was born, who was named after my Uncle Norton, on the section of land four miles south of Lockney.

The grasshoppers and drouth came in 1892-93. There were no crops, so everyone who could left the country. Even the postmaster at Old Lockney wanted to leave. He told Papa that if he would come and take over the Post Office, we could live in his house at Old Lockney for a year without paying rent. We later moved there. Mama kept the Post Office while Papa freighted from Amarillo and Childress, each about 100 miles from Lockney.

There was a public school building about a mile west of the Lockney post office. Meda went to school there. Mama let me go with her one day as a visitor. When the bell rang we all went inside taking seats. Soon the teacher came and asked me what my name was. I was so timid and frightened that I burst into tears. He left me but later came and tried to talk to me again, and I cried again. When I got home I told Mama that I was never going to school again. That fall, 1894, we had moved into the back of the store that Papa had built for the post office and store. School was to begin and I didn't

want to go. Mama said, "Nell, you don't have to go to school, but if you will go until your birthday, I'll bake a cake for you and cook a good dinner and you can invite your teacher and some little girls for dinner." I went to school and when my birthday came the last of October, my teacher and little friends came home with me. We enjoyed the good dinner and I wanted to keep going to school.

Papa inherited some money from his father's estate and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land a mile west of the Old Lockney Post Office. He gave ten acres for the townsite of Lockney. He hauled lumber from Amarillo and erected a new building for the Post Office and store. In 1894 he was appointed Postmaster for Lockney and held this appointment for seven years. Various merchandise was purchased in Amarillo; then he opened the store for business in April, 1894. Hence the slogan, "Baker's store since '94."

After we moved from the house with the dugout to go to the Davis home, Mr. Donaldson and family moved into the house. He had a flock of sheep and farmed the land. A prairie fire came and frightened the sheep. They ran to a basin where the grass and weeds were tall, and all burned to death. The Donaldsons then moved to Lockney. He freighted with Papa, and Mrs. Donaldson taught music lessons as a few people had pump organs. She also taught sewing lessons and owned a chart to teach women how to cut dress patterns. The Donaldsons had come from Canada. Papa soon sold the section of land to Mr. William Kelley.

The Post Office was placed in one corner near the front of the building, and on the same side groceries were near the back. On the other side of the building were the drygoods with the show cases near the front of the building. The kitchen was in a room at the back. Two large rooms upstairs were the bedrooms. A large round stove was placed in the center of the

building for heating. We burned wood from the breaks and cow chips, and also boxes that goods were shipped in which the boys chopped into kindling. In later years coal was available, and it was a great help.

Groceries were much cheaper then than now. Flour sold for $1.00 for a fifty pound bag, sugar sixteen pounds for $1.00, calico 5 cents yard, gingham 7 cents to 15 cents a yard, ladies' shoes $1.25 to $3.50 pair, and men's shoes $1.75 to $4.00 pair, coffee (Arbuckle) eight pounds for $1.00, butter was 15 cents a pound, and eggs 5 cents a dozen. All the children helped in the store as we grew up, learning as we could.

A farmer came in barefooted one day and asked if he could buy some shoes for his children to wear to school in Lockney. He said that he could go without himself but didn't want his children to if he could get some shoes on time. Mama told him to bring them in and she would fit them all. When the children had their new shoes, Mama gave the man a pair of sox and said, "Now get yourself a pair of shoes, too." He found a pair that fit and was very grateful saying that if and when the crops were gathered and sold he would pay for all, which he did. He was a good customer for years and years.

Another time a young man came to Mama saying that he had no money and couldn't find a job anywhere. The soles of his shoes were completely worn through. Mama fitted him with a pair of shoes. Later he returned and paid for them. He stayed in Lockney and was married to one of the local girls. They were both good customers for years. Later they moved away. Many years later, as an old man, he returned to attend a funeral and said that he wanted to come to Mrs. Baker's store again. I was there on a visit when he told me the above story which I shall never forget. He was so thankful for

Mama's kindness. People were good to pay their bills although a few failed, but neither Mama nor Papa ever cried about those small losses which they had.

Papa freighted for other towns too, hauling grain, dried beans, hides, bones, other produce and cedar posts for people who were putting up fences. He told how people were afraid to use barb wire at first thinking that the cattle and horses would cut themselves badly, but they used it anyway and there was no problem.

For years and years when animals died they were left on the prairie, and in time their bones were bleached white. There were cattle and buffalo bones scattered all over the plains. People picked them up to sell, and Papa hauled many wagon loads of bones to Amarillo. I never heard what they were used for.

In time Papa owned several wagons and teams. From the time France was five years old, Papa began to take him on trips to Amarillo during the summer. France would drive a gentle team with a loaded wagon and follow Papa. Later Norton would go with Papa and France stayed home. Papa took one of the boys with him for years.

It amuses me even now to remember those little boys harnessing their teams. They would lead the horse or mule up to the wagon, climb in, pick up a bridle, jump on the horse's back and hold on to his mane, reach up to put the bridle over his head and ears, reach down and put the bit into the horse's mouth, climb back and jump into the wagon to get the heavy collar, place it around his neck, then jump to the ground, fasten the buckle of the collar, fasten the tugs to the singletree, throw the lines in the wagon, climb in, take the lines in his hands and drive off. I think our little boys now would like this.

As time rolled on more people came to Floyd County. As our store grew we not only ran the post office, but had groceries, some dry goods and hardware which almost everyone, farmers and ranchers alike, bought on an annual, twelve-month credit.

After the crops were harvested and sold, the people paid their bills. The cowboys and ranchers used the store as a bank. One day a man asked Mama if she would cash a check for him. She asked how much. He said, "a 25", so she counted out twenty-five dollars and gave it to him. She sent the check to a bank in Amarillo. It came back as twenty-five cents. After this Mama made sure that she checked the amount on the checks. When Papa was expected home, she went to meet him, telling how she gave away twenty-five dollars. He said, "Well, no use worrying about the past now."

When my younger brother Robin was a little fellow he climbed the stairs and fell out the window. Someone brought him to Mama. She laid him on the bed and put a wet cloth on his head and rubbed him with camphor. He lay as though dead. Someone came for his mail. Mama waited on him and others who came into the store. Finally she went to see her baby Robin. He had awakened and gone out to play as if nothing had happened.

Uncle Jesse Bryant, an old man, came in one day and said, "Mrs. Baker, one of your little boys is on top of the store." Mama went out, looked up and said, "Norton, I told you boys not to get up there." Norton replied, "You said not to get on the banisters."

Uncle Jesse said, "Providence is taking care of Mrs. Baker's children as no one else is."

Later, another instance of Providence's care: Larry,

another younger brother, was a little boy when we moved into the new home. He found some matches and made a fire in the woodbox near the heating stove upstairs. It was blazing. Just at that time Robin happened to go back home from the store and he saw what Larry had done. He picked up the box and carefully carried it downstairs and outdoors to put out the fire.

Some twenty miles east of Lockney were some canyons called the Breaks. Firewood was brought from there by wagons. The people would go to the Breaks to get wild plums and grapes. These gave a variety to our food supply. Almost everyone planted fruit trees, grapes, goose berries and vegetables as soon as possible.

Before a hotel was built Mama gave free lodging with food for the people and their teams when they had no place to stay over-night. One cold winter night two drummers were in town, so Mama gave them a bed and put gunny sacks on the floor for us children to sleep on.

The George Brewster family came to town in 1895 or '96. Mrs. Brewster began to let travelers stay at her place; then she built a rooming and boarding house which she operated for years.

Smallpox struck our town in 1898. Almost every family had it except two -- the Morris and Baker families.

Papa bought a small house and moved it across the street on the site where the present store building is now. He added more rooms and we lived there until the town was assured the railroad would come. In 1899 Papa's mother, who had been a widow for ten years, was married to a Methodist preacher. They and her two daughters, Mary and Angie, came in a covered

wagon from Hamilton. They were the first relatives to visit us.

In 1901 Mama took Baby Lee and went to Hamilton for a visit. She went by mail hack or stage to Estellene to take the train there. She returned by Dallas to buy merchandise for the store. In later years she made other trips to Dallas, Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo. to buy merchandise.

In the summer of 1902 Papa and Meda went to Hamilton on a visit. A day or so after they had left, Norton took sick with typhoid fever. Since this was Papa's first visit to see his mother and old home, Mama did not write to him about Norton. She and I nursed Norton alone. I stayed at his bedside much of the time putting cold, wet rags on his forehead and arms to keep down the fever. Mama worked in the store but came often to see him. We thought that he would die as the fever continued for days and days while we continued giving him medicine and water. The fever finally left. Norton was very thin and weak.

A Mr. Robbs had moved to Floyd County some years before and bought a relinquishment and later an outright Quitclaim Deed on a section of land north of Lockney. He and his son, Stokes, were going to Wichita Falls in a wagon and taking some horses to sell there. They asked Mama if Norton could go along, and since he was feeling so much better, Mama let him go. They camped out at night, of course, and cooked their meals over a camp fire. It seems that they were gone for a long time. When Norton returned, he was much improved in health.

Brothers S. W. and C. W. Smith and others wanted to start a Bible School in Lockney. They began to inquire about

where lumber could be bought on credit as there was li tle money. No lumber yard would sell on credit. Papa fou d a lumber company in Gainesville, Texas that would sell to him alone, but they did not want to deal with a committee. The lumber was sent to Estellene by train, and Papa, with some other men, hauled the lumber from Estellene in their wagons over the hills, creekbeds and rocks up the Cap Rock to Lockney. Now there is a nice paved road over this area. Soon the carpenters began to build a two-story building. It was here that the Lockney Christian College began in 1895 and continued for sixteen years. It drew students from many parts of Texas, New Mexico, Tennessee and Florida. Many outstanding teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers and scientists attended this school.

Once they were going to have to close the school for lack of money to pay the teachers. The younger children were sent home. France told Mama, and she left the post office and hurried to the school, arriving before the teachers were dismissed. She said that it was a disgrace to close the school, that it was not good for the children and bad for the town, and that if they would continue she would pay the teachers their salaries.

Thirty or forty years later, a stranger came up to France and asked him if he was Mr. Baker from Lockney, Texas. France answered, "Yes, sir." The man said that he was going to school there when they were going to close for lack of money, but Mrs. Baker came and told them to continue and she would pay the salaries for the teachers. He said, "Had the school closed, I likely would never have gone on to school." This boy, son of a man from Denmark, came with others and settled in Crosby County, Texas. The children were sent to school in Lockney. Later a larger building was built of cement blocks.

Mama often said, "God must have saved this land for us." It surely was a land of opportunity with its wide, open spaces, fresh air, good water and rich soil that lay waiting to be tilled and lived on.

As Lockney grew and more settlers arrived, Papa built a larger store building north of the other one. He purchased more merchandise and grocieries, and hired a clerk or two to handle the trade. All of the children helped in the store through the years.

Once, when something went wrong while I was in my early teens, I said, "Gee whiz." Papa heard me and kindly said, "Nell, we don't need any words like that around here." I didn't say it again.

Papa bought another section of land seven miles south of town. It was already fenced and had a windmill. Yearlings, colts, and cows that were acquired in exchange for merchandise or in collecting bills were put on this land. France and Norton, ten and twelve years of age, were sent with plows and teams to cultivate and plant feed crops to feed the animals in winter. They slept in a wagon bed. Most of the food was cooked by us at home in Lockney and put in a grub box. At times they cooked sow belly bacon, eggs, and potatoes, canned beans, or corn on the open fire when they stayed on this farm.

One Sunday afternoon Papa hired a hack from the Livery Stable in Lockney and took the entire family to the farm. We brought home several kinds of vegetables the boys had planted and raised. As time came for the yearlings, calves and horses to be branded, dehorned and castrated, Papa, Norton, France, and Zeff Mickey (our neighbor) prepared to do the work.

When Papa asked each time if "all is ready," Zeff said "Yes," so the dehorning knife was let down and Zeff cried, "Oh, you cut off my thumb." Papa wrapped his thumb and hand in a handkerchief, helped him onto a horse to go seven miles to a doctor, and then home. The thumb healed all okay.

In 1909 the Santa Fe railroad came through Lockney on its way from Plainview to Floydada. When the train was a few miles from town many people went to meet it, riding in buggies or wagons, on horseback or just walking. An old man, wearing a long black coat, was over-seeing the work. It was interesting to see the engine rolling over the roadbed letting the ties and rails fall. Then workmen drove the spikes down. The train arrived at the depot at midnight on the date set, just as agreed upon.

In the fall of 1910 a fire destroyed the east side of the main block of town. A gasoline iron exploded in a tailor shop on the west side of town setting fire to other stores. We began to move everything from our store to the back alley and into an empty house. Thanks to our friends and neighbors all merchandise was saved, but we lost two buildings and a warehouse. No insurance. Papa moved the merchandise into a large building that he bought and business continued as usual. Later he built two brick buildings for the business that was expanding. The section of land, seven miles south of Lockney, was sold and my parents built a nice large home with an orchard, garden, etc. My sister, Dimple, owns the home and lives there now. She also owns and operates the Baker Store.

After the railroad came to Lockney there were no more long, wagon-freighting trips for Papa -- facing the hot dusty winds, sleeping on the ground, with the cold northers blowing over him, or waking up covered with snow, maybe walking all day to keep warm while driving his teams. Yet no one ever

heard him complain in the twenty years of freighting. I do not remember that Papa was ever sick. The wagon wheel ran over his foot once, and he was kind of crippled for a few days. He never used liquor or tobacco in any form, nor did he even drink coffee. Occasionally he drank a cup of tea. Papa kept the mules and wagons to haul freight from the depot to the store and to plow his orchard and garden.

A neighbor man in the country asked to have Jack, one of the mules, to take his children to school. When school ended the man sold Jack to someone (horse trader) who mistreated the mule, so Papa bought him, paying $30.00 cash. Then the mule had the best of care until he died at the age of thirty-three years.

In 1907 Mama went to Dallas to buy goods for the store. Grandma and Aunt Angie met her and came to Lockney for a visit.

We had a covered wagon excursion to Blanco Canyon south of Floydada to fish. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCullum went in their wagon; Meda and Lester Honea and children went in their buggy. Enough fish were caught and cooked for one meal, and we went to the rock house of Hank Smith in the canyon. It rained the second night, so all those sleeping on the ground had to go inside the wagons. Next day we returned home to Lockney.

Papa and I took Grandma and Aunt Angie in a covered wagon to Haskell, Texas, to visit Uncle John Baker and his family there. The trip took five days each way. Now one can make it in a few hours by car.

The town and county were growing with more and better homes, more schools and church buildings, more stores, a bank, deep wells for irrigation, electricity, and telephone. I think that Baker's store had the first delivery service. Housewives would telephone for their needs. Six-year-old

Dorsey, my brother, drove the mule, Jack hitched to a light wagon loaded with groceries. When he would arrive at a person's house to make his delivery, he would call, "Come and get your groceries."

Everyone in our little town seemed happy as all were busy. We looked forward to the 4th of July celebration each year. An arbor was built, meat was cooked over an open pit all night, so there was plenty of barbecued meat, bread, pickles, lots of home-cooked foods and a big wash boiler of coffee. Someone made a patriotic speech. There was a hall for square dancing, and a merry-go-round for the children that was run by a gentle old horse walking around in a circle.

The Mollie Bailey Circus came each summer with a parade through the streets. On Sundays we went to church in the morning and usually again in the evening; then to Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evenings. If there were no Sunday evening services, the young people would take their song books and gather at someone's home and sing for a couple of hours. In the early days of radio a popular program came over the air from some eastern city where people met and sang hymns. Their voices and words were beautiful. I think it was the "Seth Parker" program.

The churches held their revivals and meetings every summer and sometimes there would be a friendly debate about some religious subject. These meetings and debates were always well attended.

In the spring of 1910 Mama's Aunt Ella and Uncle William Sparkman came to visit us. Uncle William, a nurseryman, went home and sent us trees and shrubs to landscape the yard, which was a big improvement to our home.

In the summer of 1917 Papa's five brothers came to visit, and they were surprised at the development and rich lands of the Plains. Papa predicted that Amarillo and Lubbock would become the big cities of the Plains.

That fall, while chopping wood, Papa was struck on the throat by a small piece of kindling. Blood poison set in and three days later he passed away -- October 16, 1917, at the age of 58 years.

At home after the funeral someone remarked, "Baker freighted with all kinds of men, but no one ever heard him utter a swear word or tell an off-color story." He was a real pioneer and builder, helping everyone through the years. Mama was left to carry on with the problems of an expanding business, educating the six younger children from her family of twelve, going through the depression, two World Wars, and the dry and black, dusty years of the thirties.

In the spring of 1919 Mama and little Helen came to visit us in Boulder, Colorado -- where we had been living since moving there from Lockney in 1914.

Her other daughters, Lee and Meda, and other clerks helped in the store through the years.

The anniversary of the opening of the store was celebrated on April 23, 1958, at a reception in the American Legion Home. More than 400 people from twenty communities were present, some being old-timers.

On her 90th birthday, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren came to see her. She was active daily until about 1961. The last few years she spent in a rest home in Lockney. She died June 2, 1967, at the age of 99 years, 9 months, and 7 days. She was buried in Lockney beside her husband, J. A. Baker, in Lockney Cemetery.

SUPPLEMENT TO REMINISCENCES by Genella Baker Deavenport

After my family read the story of our early days some were asking questions about those days, and one said she cried just thinking of the hard times we had. I said that no one ever thought of them being hard times for all were busy building their homes and doing what had to be done.

Now times and things are so different. I think that my grand children and especially my great grand children will find it interesting to read more about how people lived in the pioneer days of the late eighteen hundreds and early nineteen hundreds that I remember so clearly on the plains of Texas.

With all the modern conveniences, electric appliances at our finger tips, and the new perma press materials, regular housework is nothing compared to what we had to do in those days. Now the homes have beautiful bathrooms with large porcelain bathtubs and showers. There is plenty of hot and cold water on tap. Each child has his own room and bed.

In those days all water had to be carried in, used, then carried out. Water was heated on the kitchen stove. We used a big zinc washtub to bathe in. It was a regular Saturday night custom to have a bath with clean under clothes. Sponge baths were taken at times, and in warm weather when we children went barefooted it was a must that we wash our feet before going to bed at night.

Water for washing our clothes was heated in a big boiler on the stove. We used home made soap. Each garment was rubbed on a rub board and all white clothes boiled in the boiler, rinsed in two waters and hung on the line to dry.

The women and girls from sixteen years old wore their dresses with two petticoats almost to the floor. The petticoats, with ruffles, were starched and ironed. Ironing was done with a sad iron like the above picture, and that was an appropriate name for it.

At Christmas we hung our stockings on chairs and bed posts for Santa Claus to put something in them. We received a gift or toy such as a doll, knife or ball and apple, orange, candy and nuts. It seems that we were as happy as children now with so many gifts.

Later, Cedar trees were brought from the brakes and we had a public Christmas tree for all. Candles were put in little tin holders that snapped on the branches, and kerosene lamps were in brackets high up on the walls for lights.

Papa planted several kinds of fruit trees, early and late peaches, wild and tame plum and apple trees, two rows of concord grapes and a vegetable garden.

Mama made preserves, jelly, chow chow and kraut, using two-gallon stone jars to keep it. She used quart and two-quart glass jars too. She prepared and cooked these at night and early in the mornings before going to the store.

A popular brand of shoes had a living trademark- Buster Brown, a four-foot two-inch midget who traveled on the road for twenty-seven years appearing before children all over the country. Our store brought him to Lockney. There was a platform with a ladder built on the side of the store. Here Buster Brown with his dog, Tige, climbed up and talked to people. He answered questions and put his dog through some tricks. After this every child had to have a pair of those shoes. I read in the paper that he is still living - 82 years old.

My parents helped others when they could. When Papa laid out the town site for Lockney he said he would give every other lot to any one that would put up a store for business. It

wasn't long till other stores were added - a drug store, a store that sold more items of hardware, a dry goods store, a bank and a small building where our weekly newspaper was printed, then called THE LOCKNEY LEDGER, and a blacksmith shop. And so the town grew, the business that began on the prairie is still operated by one in the family.

Note: In a conversation between Sarah Alice Ratliff Baker and daughter Mary, Alice said:

"My mother was Nancy Virginia Schmidt, daughter of Dr. John Peter Schmidt and Matilda Schmidt. They are buried in a cemetery in Coryell County. My grandfather Schmidt graduated from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He was a general practitioner, practicing before the Civil War. He had an office in Evant, in Coryell County, Texas. Their children were Ella, Sally, Nancy (my mother) and a son Boley. They lived in Edom, Van Zandt County, Texas." 18 March 1960.

APPENDIX 11

A BRIEF OUTLINE
OF
LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF KATHRYNE BAKER WITTY

Graduate of Hamilton High School, attended Randolph-Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, Virginia two years, then University of Texas, University of Colorado, and graduated from University of Missouri with B.A. Degree; member of Pi Beta Phi. Taught six years, married Milton Brents Witty, merchant and cotton buyer, in 1924. They had two sons and two daughters. Returned to teaching in 1948 and taught until retirement in 1968. Member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was charter member and one of the organizers of the Hamilton Garden Club; one of the organizers of the Heart of Texas Council of Garden Clubs (later called District V of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.), and its president 1945-1947; Republican County Chairman 1942-1949, vice-Chairman since 1949. Charter member and one of the organizers of the 20th Century Study Club; active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and served three terms on the Executive Board of the Women's Work of the Diocese of Dallas. First president of Hamilton Council of Camp Fire Girls, 1955-1959; Chairman of Hamilton County Historical Survey Committee since its beginning January 1, 1963; Member of Society of Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

APPENDIX 12

BAKER

AVAILABLE ADDRESSES FOR 1971

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Mrs. Ada Babin (Sanford Shannon's daughter)
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Glenview, Illinois 60025

Artie Baker (James Artemas)
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Pecos, Texas 79772

Charles Curtis Baker, D.D.S.
Hamilton, Texas P O Box 472 76531

Charles Curtis Baker III
1213 Colonial Court
Arlington, Texas 76010

France Baker and sons
Lennis Baker
James Baker
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Lubbock, Texas

Dr. James Deuon Baker
5511 30th Street
Lubbock, Texas

John Duffie Baker
531 Cedar Street
Hurst, Texas 76053

Dorsey Baker
Lockney, Texas 79241
P O Box 265

Kevin Baker
5408 39th Street
Lubbock, Texas

Mrs. Leo Martin Baker (Lucile)
1624 Alden
Irving, Texas 75060

Norton Baker
Amarillo, Texas Box 1516

William Norton Baker & Family
4610 20th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79407

Dorsey Lynn Baker & Family
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West Chicago, Illinois 60185

Mrs. B. M. Bradshaw, Jr., (Amma Hortenz Baker)
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Dallas, Texas 75230

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Caserta (Eunice Nicholson)
1022 Curzon Circle
Troy, Ohio 45373

Mrs. Genella Baker Deavenport
1880 Bluebell Ave.
Boulder, Colo. 80320

Mrs. Hal Douglass (Harvey Holland's grand daughter)
4500 Bellclair
Dallas, Texas 71301

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dubois, Jr.
Santa Fe, New Mexico Box 1041

Mrs. Rex B. DeSpain (Minier Baker) daughter - Barbara Cade)
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Dallas, Texas 71301

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Lubbock, Texas

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Dallas, Texas 75223

Mrs. Robert Fulcher (Angeline Nicholson)
Blanco, Texas 78606

Mrs. Thomas Stratton Gillis (Mabel Shannon)
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Houston, Texas 77025

Thomas Stratton Gillis, Jr.
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Houston, Texas 77024

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Midland, Texas 79701

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Fort Worth, Texas

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79241

Mrs. James Kelleher (Betty Baker)
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Irving, Texas 75060

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Hamilton, Texas 76531

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Arlington, Texas 76010

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Fontana, Calif. 92335

Eula Lee Baker Seaman
Lockney, Texas 79241

Mrs. Jean A. Shelton
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San Diego, California 92120

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Midland, Texas 79701

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Hamilton, Texas 76531

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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nicholson Witty
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Charles Steven Kincade and Glendalynn Carper (August 1971)
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Jackson, Miss 39207

SUPPLEMENT

James Jackson Beeman Family History

FOOTPRINTS OF JAMES JACKSON BEEMAN
1816-1888

Just 20 years after Stephen F. Austin's first settlers came to Texas and 4 years after the famous battle of the Alamo and 5 years after Texas became the Republic of Texas (1835-1845), James Jackson Beeman (20 years old), with his wife and baby and his older one-half brother, John, with his large family, came to Texas from Missouri in a covered wagon. (Dec. 6, 1840). They probably came as a result of the widespread advertising the Republic of Texas did to get colonists to settle in this part of Texas which was known as "The Three Forks of the Trinity." It was a complete wilderness and the plains were alive with deer, antelope, wild horses, wolves, buffalo, bears, wild turkeys, and savage Indians roaming over them. The Peters Colony (headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky) had just been granted land for a colony in this section. Thousands of families had poured into Texas in the past 20 years "because the Republic of Texas was giving away land". G.T.T. (Gone to Texas) was the familiar sign on boarded up buildings and homes throughout the U. S.

The Beemans played an important and prominent part in the early history of Dallas County and City of Dallas. John Neely Bryan (who later married John Beeman's daughter Margaret) started the city of Dallas by building a log hut near the present court house in November, 1841. About that same time, fall of 1841, John and James J. Beeman, Hamp Rattan and Mabel Gilbert moved their families to a small log stockade and a blockhouse fort called Bird's Fort, 22 miles west of the present city of Dallas on the West Fork of the Trinity, 7 miles above present Arlington, Texas. On April 8, 1842, John and James J. Beeman left the fort and moved to Dallas County. Mabel Gilbert came too, floating his belongings, in 2 canoes, 30 miles down the Trinity, while John Beeman and James J. Beeman and families came by wagon. Of the first four families to settle in Dallas, two of them were Beemans. Records at the Dallas County Courthouse show 180 real estate transactions in Dallas County for the Beemans prior to 1880. Of these 21 were transacted by James J. After the third brother Samuel came to Dallas in 1846, the three brothers had 24 children who either came or were born in Texas.

The following is a brief chronological sketch of the life of our grandfather, James Jackson Beeman. Every statement and date has been verified by an actual court record, letter, dairy, or printed book as shown in the Bibliography at the end of this article.

Dec. 21, 1816 -- Born Madison County (Calhoun Co. not formed until 1825), Illinois Territory. " . . . at the head of American Bottom in Madison County about 3 miles below the city of Alton, about one mile below St. Louis and Alton Crossing on Ward River . . . was partly raised in Greene Co., and partly in Calhoun Co. on Illinois River opposite mouth of Apple Creek". (From letter of C. A. Beeman, dated 8 June 1938, in Mrs. Angie Baker Nicholson's possession.)

Sept. 16, 1836- Married Sarah Crawford in St. Charles, Missouri.

July 1837 -- John Beeman (and probably James J. but cannot verify) bought Toby Script #358 for 2 different parcels of land of 320 acres each at 15 cts. per acre from a sub-agent of Thomas Toby, who was the purchasing agent of Republic of Texas to sell land throughout the U. S. to help finance the Texas Army and Navy. (Wee article "Toby and Brother Company" Handbook of Texas.) John B. bought this before coming to Texas.

Sept. 27, 1837- Son William C. born to J. J. and Sarah in Green County, Ill.

Mar. 3, 1839 - Daughter Mary Jane born in Illinois. (Calhoun Co.)

Aug. 5, 1840 - Son Wm. Crawford died, Green Co., Ill.

Dec. 6, 1840 - Arrived in Texas in a covered wagon. Reached Bowie County where all of the Beemans stayed approximately one year. They stayed at "Old Crossroads Camping Ground, near Old Boston and Dalby Springs."

Jan. 4, 1841 - J. J. received a third class certificate for 640 acres of land from the Board of Land Commissioners of Lamar County, which certificate was located in Dallas County, January 2, 1847, and which was patented Dec. 3, 1850. (All land in Peters Colony grants were in dispute and the state of Texas finally resolved the difficulties and granted clear titles to many land holders on this date.

Jan. 8, 1841 - Daughter Emily Elvira (Our Grandmother) was born at Dalby Springs, Bowie Co., Texas.

Fall of 1841 - John and James J. Beeman families, Hamp Rattan and Mabel Gilbert familes moved to Bird's Fort as "Three Months Rangers" to "create a settlement and fight Indians." They started to the fort, with their wives and children, in a caravan of several horses, an ox team and one wagon which belonged to the Beemans. This wagon was the first to ever roll over the prairie in the country of the "Three Forks" of the Trinity and the party was forced to make its own road as it went along.

April 7, 1842 - John and James J. and Mabel Gilbert abandoned Bird's Fort and came to Dallas County where John settled in Sec. 22 east of White Rock. He built a block house here as a defense against the Indians. William, son of John planted the first corn crop ever grown in Dallas Co. James J. probably lived with John for a while before settling on his section of land adjacent to John's. This blockhouse was located on what is now the S. E. Corner of South Haskell and Dolphin Road, Dallas.

1842 -- The families of Thomas Keenan, Preston Witt, Alexander W. Webb, and John Cox arrived in Dallas County later in 1842.

Aug. 1843 -- Sam Houston and his party came through on their way to Bird's Fort for a meeting with the Indians Chiefs of the Northern Tribes to make a treaty with them to stop molesting settlers in this section of Texas. He stopped at the Beemans and "was regaled with an acceptable and plentiful supply of buttermilk." In this party was an Englishman named E. Parkinson who kept a dairy. Parkinson's horse was lame, so he spent the night with the Beemans. This dairy is still in existence at Dallas.

Nov. 28, 1844 - Son Francis M. born, Dallas County, Tex.

Nov. 1846 -- Brother Samuel Beeman and family came from Calhoun Co., Ill. to Dallas County.

Nov. 19, 1846- Daughter Melissa Anice born, Dallas Co.

July 13, 1846 - In first election of Dallas County, James J. Beeman was elected justice 1st precinct, his sureties being J. P. Redden and Em. Pruitt.

March 8, 1848- Wife Sarah (Crawford) died. Buried in Pleasant Mound Cemetery (Dallas Co.) near White Rock. It is thought that a highway runs over her grave now at about the intersection of the present Scyene Road and Buckner Blvd. (Dallas)

March 20, 1848- Acts of the Second Legislature (State of Texas) appointed among others, James J. Beeman as commissioner to lay out ground and sell lots, etc, for the county seat of Dallas.

Jan. 11, 1849.- Married Catherine Napper. This marriage lasted only a short while. Catherine was a member of a family who was apparently coming through Dallas on its way to California. When her family left, she left with them. It is said that James J. followed the family three days trying to get her to return with him.

1849 -- Case #111 in District Court, Dallas County. Vol. A, Page 258 shows a divorce granted James J. Beeman versus Catherine Beeman. O. M. Roberts, Judge.

1849 & early 1850 -- James J. went to California. . Gold Rush. Very little is known about this unsuccessful venture. He apparently returned to Dallas in 1851 or late 1850.

1850 -- Dallas County Census shows his children, Mary Jane, age 10, Emily Elvira, age 8; Francis M. age 5, and Anice, age 3, all living in the home of John Neely Bryan. They were left in the care of Margaret Beeman Bryan and thus lived in the little log cabin which now stands on the Dallas County Court house lawn. It was said that a Negro woman was engaged to help look after the children.

Dec. 3, 1850 -- Headrights (640) acres of John, James J. and John Smelser Beeman (son of Samuel) were patented by State of Texas.

July 15, 1851 - Sold Lot 6, Block 1, City of Dallas to Jessie Kelly et al for $200.00.

Nov. 29, 1851 - Married Elizabeth Baker (sister of his future son-in-law, William Thatcher Baker. Married by Rev. Wm. Rawlins, Elder Christian Church.

April 6, 1852 - Sold Lot #3 and #4, Block 34 to Nathan Atteberry for $100.00. There are many other real estate deals listed in the Index at Dallas County Courthouse.

Jan. 29, 1853 - Baby daughter Lydia died. (Dallas Co.)

Jan. 24, 1854 - Son Charles A. born to J. J. and Elizabeth.

June 2, 1856 - First County Court of Parker County was held in the post oak grove of J. J. Beeman about 5 miles N. E. of Weatherford. This place is located on Fort Worth-Belknap Road. In 1936 the Texas Centennial Commission erected a stone to commemorate this event.

1855 - - In an interview F. M. Cockrell had with Scott Beeman (1927) Scott states "Uncle Jimmie Beeman exchanged his headrights here in Dallas for merchandise and moved to Weatherford."

Sept. 8, 1850 - Wm. Thatcher Baker married daughter Emily Elvira in Weatherford probably at the above home.

Feb. 17, 1858 - He moved his store into town of Weatherford and became its Postmaster.

Mar. 9, 1857 - Daughter Sarah born to James J. and Elizabeth (Parker Co.)

Aug. 19, 1859 --160 acres in Parker County (Settlers Claim) Patented to J. J. Beeman.

Feb. 27, 1861 - Daughter Melissa Anice died (Parker Co. Tex.)

1864 - - Moved back to Dallas County.

1861-65 -- Civil War. Very little known about him during this period.

June 4, 1868 -- James J. Beeman's name (one of 157) on a petition asking the Constitutional Convention in session at Austin for permission for the Chief of Police to collect taxes from citizens of Dallas to the amount of $5,000.00 "to remove the obstruction in Trinity River from Dallas to E. Fork" so the Trinity could be navigated.

1880 or 1882 - Apparently James J. and wife Elizabeth went to live with son Charles and daughter Sarah who both lived at Lampasas, Texas.

Aug. 12, 1884 - Wm. Thatcher Baker died on homeplace, 10 miles S. of Hamilton, in Hamilton County, Texas.

Dec. 7, 1888 -- James Jackson Beeman died at Lampasas, Texas, at home of son Charles and was buried at Lampasas. The epitaph on his tombstone reads "A resident of Texas since 1840." "The sweet remembrance of the just shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

Dec. 15, 1898 - Elizabeth Baker Beeman died, Waco, Texas.

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James Jackson Beeman's parents were

John Beeman who married Margaret Hunter 19 May 1767. His will is dated 8 September 1819, and is found in Rowan County, North Carolina, Wills, 1805-1826, Vol. I, P. 11, and his children are given as

James Beeman (our great grandfather), Mary Beeman Moore Thomas Beeman, Joseph Beeman, Elizabeth Beeman. Nancy Beeman, Charles Beeman, William Beeman, and Samuel Beeman.

FOOTPRINTS OF JAMES JACKSON BEEMAN found by Mildred Boone Haden, his great grand-daughter, and this was copied by Alma Baker Rea (another great grand-daughter) November 3, 1966

MEMOIRS of JAMES J. BEEMAN
(Written December 24, 1886)

I was born in the state of Illinois, on the 21st day of December 1816, at the head of the American Bottom in Madison County, about three miles below the city of Alton, about one mile below St. Louis and Alton crossing on Wood River. My father, James Beeman, was raised in North Carolina, Rowan County. He went to Illinois about the year 1800. He moved to Greene County when I was quite small. I was partly raised in Greene County and partly in Calhoun County on the Illinois River, opposite the mouth of Apple Creek. I was married to Sarah Crawford, daughter of James Crawford, in the year 1836, September 15th. We lived in Calhoun County, and had two children, a son and a daughter. The boy died in Calhoun County, he being the oldest. I left Illinois for Texas September 1840, crossing the boundry line between the U. S. and Texas the 6th of December 1840. A brother and a nephew, John S. Beeman, came with me. We stopped and rented land in Bowie County on what was known as the Stearling Smith farm about three miles east of the town of Dalby Springs.

In the spring of 1841, the Indians had been depredating on the settlements in the upper counties. A company was raised and went in pursuit of them. General E. H. Tarrant, hearing of the expedition, mounted his horse and went and headed it. They went to an Indian village on Village Creek in what is now Tarrant County, and attacked the Indians. In this fight Col. John B. Denton was killed, and Captain Henry Stout was wounded. After the fight the company returned to the settlements taking the dead body of Col. Denton to Denton Creek where he was buried. About six years afterwards Captain Stout went and found the grave, dug up his remains and took them away. I do not know where. The 2nd of March 1841, General Tarrant was the Brigadier General of the District composed of the counties of Bowie, Red River, Lamar and Fannin, with their territories. After the return of this company from the fight, General Tarrant issued an order for the raising of some 400 volunteers to go out on the waters of the Trinity River against the Indians, and that said volunteers rendezvous at Fort Inglish in Fannin County on the 15th of July 1841. Each man to furnish himself with a horse, gun, ammunition and rations. Each of the above mentioned counties had to furnish a certain number of men and organize in due time to be at the rendezvous. The Bowie County men met at the town

of DeKalb on the 5th of July 1841 and organized by electing David P. Key, Captain, (who, at this writing lives in Menard County, Texas.) Alexander Booth was elected Orderly Sergeant. I do not remember the names of the other officers of the company. We then disbanded to meet at Fort Inglish on the 15th where we elected Battalion officers, whom I do not consider it of sufficient importance to mention except General Tarrant was Commander-in-Chief, and Jonathan Bird was Sergeant-Major. We immediately were on the march for the Indian Village Creek. When we got there the Indians had left. We found a good deal of signs, as they would come back for such of their crops as were still growing. There was corn, pumpkins and beans. Perhaps here I should relate an incident that began before we left Fort Inglish - which is as follows:

An old man living near Fort Inglish by the name of Cox, had a little boy and a grandson near the same size, who were in the habit of both mounting a pony and driving the cows up of evenings. It was late for the cows as usual, and while out, the Indians came on them and captured them and their pony, and carried them off. They were ransomed in the fall of the same year (1841) and they told us that the Indians kept far enough ahead of us to be out of danger, and watched our movements. They told the boys that in case of an attack by us, they would kill them. Poor little fellows, they suffered a great deal as the Indians whipped them severely. I dare say if they are still living, they have the marks on their bodies to this day (December the first 1886.)

On our arrival in the Village we encamped on their fields and helped ourselves to their corn, beans, etc. One of our men made a grater out of an old coffee pot, on which we grated corn and baked it into bread. The first bread I had tasted in a good while. We called it "Bready", as bread was not good enough a name. Up to this time, our rations consisted of flour, bacon and coffee. We waited three or four days for General Tom I. Smith, who was to meet us at the Village. As he had not come up to this time, we continued our march. The first day, while we were nooning, some of our horses stampeeded and ran back to the Village, and those who went after them, found General Smith and command occupying the same ground we had left in the morning. This stampeed was on Sycamore Creek, about two miles east of Ft. Worth. On the return of the men with the horses,

they reported the arrival of General Smith and that he wished General Tarrant to go back and see him, which he did. He got some beef cattle from Smith. We then continued up the West Fork. On the next day we stopped in a grove to noon and found a pile of wood ready for a fire. This the little boys said they had prepared when the Indian spies came in and reported our coming. Whereupon they left in haste. The brothers of the boys put fire to the pile and cooked dinner. We continued our march up to a large spring in the upper Cross Timbers. Here Cook had some time before camped on his way to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Not finding the Indians as we expected, we lay by and sent out spies. When they came back, they reported no Indians. By this time our supplies of provisions were nearly exhausted, and the beeves took murrain and died so fast we were afraid to eat the beef. This spring is where Carterville is located in Parker County. So the only alternative was for us to go back to the settlements. We had enlisted for three months service. The time not being out when we got back, Major Johnathan Bird got permission from General Tarrant to raise a company out of the furlowed soldiers and go back to the West Fork and build a fort near the Village. He raised the company, and as I had seen the country, my brother, John, also wished to see the country, so he took my place. They went and built the fort on the North side of West Fork of the Trinity River, about seven or eight miles from the Village, and about the same distance from Birdville. The Fort was named, "Bird's Fort" for the Major. After this fort was built my brother returned to Bowie County, where we were living. It was not long before we had our crops gathered and sold, ready to move to the fort. We got to the Fort some time in November 1841, with our families. We had with us the following named families: A. W. Webb, who was our Captain; Solomon Silkwood; Henry Hahn; John Beeman; John S. Beeman; myself and family (J. J. Beeman); also some single men. After our arrival at the fort, we built more houses so as to make comfortable quarters for our families. My cousin, W. H. Rattan, took his family there on the first expedition, also one other family went at the same time, by the name of Bogard. On Christmas Day 1841 Captain Webb, Solomon Silkwood and W. H. Rattan left the Fort and went over on Elm Fork to cut another road below the mouth of Denton Creek, so as to avoid the crossing of both streams, which the present road did. They got on Elm Fork the same day they left the Fort and camped on the opposite side. That night it snowed and continued snowing the next

day and was very cloudy. This was the 26th of December, 1841. While they were going up the river looking for a suitable place to make a ford, they came on a bear track and found it had gone up a big cottonwood tree and had not come down. They concluded they would cut the tree down and have a bear fight between it and the dogs they had with them. They began chopping the tree, and thinking it dinner time, they ate their dinner. After dinner Hamp Rattan, we called him "Hamp", went to chopping, but did not hit many licks until the Indians who were watching them, shot three times at them, the first killing Hamp. After consulting together they deemed it best to leave, as Hamp was now dead. But before starting, Silkwood shot at what he took to be an Indian head. This ended the fight, and they made their way to the Fort without any further trouble with the Indians. On their arrival about 10 o'clock at night, they imposed the task of informing his wife of his death on me. It was hard but I went in the house where she and my wife were both talking and laughing. I said, "Polly, give me your boy", and said I had bad news to tell her. She asked, "What is it?" I said that Webb and Silkwood had come back and the Indians had killed Hamp. It was so shocking it seemed that she would go crazy. Shocking indeed! The next day a detail of men was sent to meet wagons that had gone into the settlements after provisions, and to bring the body of Hamp Rattan to the Fort for burial. It was the purpose of them to find and cut a road, dig the river banks down and notify those with the wagons where to come to cross the river on their return. But this tragedy put an end to making the new road. The detail had to go so far before they met the wagons, so as to put them on their guard against an Indian attack, that from the time Hamp was killed it was nine days before he was buried. When the men found the body, it was guarded by his dog, who had stayed by him and kept the buzzards or anything else from bothering it.

They said the dog was frantic with joy to see them. All the other dogs had left and gone back to the Fort. But poor old Watch died the next summer in Lamar County, near Paris, and Polly with the help of Dow Brown, Hamp's little nephew, dug a grave and buried him, as a last rite for the faithfulness of the good old dog. This detail consisted of John S. Beeman, Henry Hahn and Heath. Hamp was buried on the hill about 400 yards from the Fort to the North. The Fort was on the banks of a lake shaped

like a horse-shoe. A convenient shape for protection from the Indians. About one mile from the West Fork. There was a man died at the Fort after Hamp was buried, by the name of Long. I don't know his given name. He was also buried at the same place. I suppose their bones are still there. Long had a brother, but after his death the brother went back to one of the counties on Red River.

Some time during the month of January (1842) Col. John Neely Bryan came to the Fort and told us he had found a place a short distance below where the West Fork and Elm Fork came together. There was a high bluff on the river which he had located and called it "Dallas", and would lay off a town for the head of navigation. He was very anxious for us to move down, as it was a better country than where we were. Captain Mabel Gilbert and my brother John, went down with Colonel Bryan to look at the country, and were so well pleased they determined to move down. By this time it was February. Captain Gilbert thought he would go by water, (as he was an old steamboat captain), so he hired me and another man. We went into the West Fork bottom and cut down two big cottonwood trees, out of which we dug two large canoes. When done they were launched and lashed together and made quite a boat on which he put his household effects and his old lady, (for such she was) and Jackoo - the parrot. He hired a hand to go with him to help navigate the West Fork. They weighed anchor and off they went for Dallas and landed safely. I have not the date, but think it was not far from the first of March 1842. By this time, we at the fort had been notified that a colony grant had been given by the Congress of the Republic of Texas to W. S. Peters and Company, beginning on Red River and extending south which embraced the Fort, and that we had better get out. The same Congress granted us at the Fort, six miles square, embracing the Fort, but General Sam Houston, who was President of Texas vetoed the act. It was about the first of April, we loaded our wagons and started for Dallas. We were about three days making the trip, and landed at the edge of White Rock Bottom, on the fourth day. Coming down we nooned at what we called "Turtle Creek". We gave it

the name for having seen and caught a large soft-shelled turtle; which name it still bears until this day. We moved from there down the old Indian trail to a post oak grove in the Prairie, which was about one-half mile northwest from where Captain Jefferson Peak built his brick house on the middle branch. This grove has long since been cut down. In this grove we camped for the night. While there some of the boys put Sam Beeman on a yearling, and it pitched with him and threw him, breaking his collar bone. The next morning we moved to the edge of White Rock bottom, the fourth day of April, 1842. Here we began work. Some of the boys soon cut a tree and began to make boards to cover a house. Perhaps, here I should tell of whom our company consisted; which is as follows: John Beeman and his wife, Emily and their children, Elizabeth, Margaret, William H., Samuel H., Isaac H., James H., Clarissa, Nancy, John Scott Winfield, Sarah Ann and Caroline; John S. Beeman and wife, Isabella, their children, Alexander W. and Samuel; myself (J. J.) and wife, Sarah, and children, Mary Jane and Emily E.; Landen Walker and wife, (have not her name) and children, Henderson, Henson, Minerva and another son whose name I have forgotten. Single men, James F. Roddin, Thomas P. Rattan, John H. Cox, Geo. W. Cox. Those are all I now remember. There may have been others that I don't remember.

By this time the Colony line had been run and it ran through the town of Dallas and included where the courthouse now stands, and a short distance east. This was the eastern boundary of the Colony. So we thought we were out of its limits, but on the 22nd day of July following, it was extended twelve miles further east. The next day after our arrival on White Rock, the 5th of April, John Beeman went up on Elm Fork to see the Colony agent, Major Browning, and get some letters he had brought from the post office at Fort Inglish. The post office was 80 miles from us, the letters were from Illinois. As he was coming back in the evening, and just as he was crossing the half-way branch, he looked down the branch and saw about fifteen Indians ride out of the thicket in a run to head him off, but his horse was too fast for them, and he outran the Indians. We in camp heard his horse running. Soon he was in sight, bareheaded. When he got within speaking distance, he called out, "Get your guns,

boys, the Indians are coming." Such a bustle as we had I never wish to see again. We looked but could not see them. Some went up on the hill and said they saw them going south towards the timber, through the Elm Grove, about one-half mile west of the camp. I had been sick several days and was not able to be up but a little at a time, but those who were able stood guard that night. They had put the wagons in position for protection in case of attack, by setting up the boards and bolts which were on the ground, making quite a breastwork. All night, at intervals, the cattle would come running up to camp as if scared. We were satisfied the Indians were prowling around to find out our position and strength. I think the fuss the boys kept up had the effect of making them believe we were better prepared for them than we really were. As night was cool the boys kept up a big fire all night. The next morning came bright and clear, and no Indians to be seen. As we had but one horse they did not think it worth while to risk their lives for him, and left us unmolested. One of the boys mounted the horse and went back on hunt for John's hat and the letters. He soon found them and brought them in. These letters were read with much interest, as they were from kinfolks in Illinois. In those days it was very difficult to get letters from the States. I think the postage was one dollar a letter. I remember that a letter carried as far as it was from Illinois to Texas, to the state line, the postage in the U. S. is 25 cents at the time of which I write. Besides our company, there was only Colonel Bryan and Captail Gilbert and wife at Dallas, in all that country; for when we left Bird's Fort, all had left and those not with us went back to the settlements, and deserted the Fort. Captain Gilbert had a yoke of oxen and a log chain which Colonel Bryan drove at the time Gilbert descended the West Ford in his boat. As soon as they all got to the proposed city of Dallas, and the head of navigation, they began chopping down trees for house logs, and dragging them with their oxen. They put up a house about 14 feet square, of post oak logs in which they lived.

Now back to White Rock, the next day, after our watching for the Indians all night, was renewed. Some sawing board timber, some tiving boards and some cutting logs, while others drove the teams and went to hauling. So very soon we had a block house up, about 15 feet square, the lower part. The upper part projected some two feet all around. This was to keep the

Indians from scaling the walls, also to give us a fair chance to shoot in case of an attack. After the house was completed, we moved in. We also broke some land and planted corn, pumpkins, peas, etc.

Shortly after this, I think about the first of May, my cousin, Polly Rattan, came out from the settlements. King S. Custer came with her. King came to Texas from Carrollton, Illinois, with Hamp Rattan and made his home with them, as he was a single man, until after Hamp's death. Their business was to care for Hamp's grave and as the cedar timber was fine and plenty of it at Dallas, so King and myself took a wagon and yoke of oxen and went to where Dallas was to be, after cedar timber to make paling for the grave. Up to this time there had never been a wagon there, not even a road cut through the timber. So I cut the road and King drove the oxen after me. This is why I have said and still say that I took the first wagon into Dallas. Colonel Bryan told us to go to the branch north of the cabin about one-half mile and we would find plenty of cedars. Another road had been cut, so we went to the branch about where the first road ran to the Cedar Springs, which was road No. 2. We got the timber and hauled it to the block house and made pailings. King took it up to the Fort where Hamp was buried, but did not put it up, so I learned afterwards, for they thought it would give the Indians the location and they might dig up the remains to get his scalp.

By this time, which was the first of May, our provisions began to get short. Brother John went to the settlement with cousin Polly and her crowd. I don't remember who all of them were, but it was deemed unsafe to travel without quite a number in the company, as the Indians were continually committing depredations on the exposed settlers, who had by this time begun to settle on the East Fork of the Trinity River. In fact, the Indians were worse there than on we who were further out on the frontier. One reason was that they had horses and we did not. The Indians would prowl around and steal the horses and kill all that came in their way before leaving a settlement, knowing the whites could not follow them. All of a sudden Brother John came back without bringing any provisions. He

had heard such big stories of what the Indians were doing and going to do to us, and we must flee for our lives. He was so excited that he feared that we could not more than make our escape. What could we do but go, as our supplies were so nearly exhausted that we had a scanty supply on which to live until we reached the settlements. So the only thing we could do was to pull up, which we did and did not stop until we reached Pin Hook, where Paris now is in Lamar County.

After getting back to the settlements, the first thing was to find somebody who would let us have work to pay for provisions, as for money we did not have any. A man by the name of Ty Paul, who had married a cousin of mine, Minerva Rattan, the youngest child of my uncle, Richard, was going to clear off a yard and make brick for the first courthouse to be built in Paris. He hired me and my nephew, John S. Beeman, to help him at $20.00 a month, each, which he paid in provisions. I worked for him about a month. Brother John, about this time wanted to go back to the Trinity country to meet some surveyors who were expected, and get them to survey our land. So I got into an ox wagon with John H. Cox and T. P. Rattan, my cousin, and made the trip. When we got to the block house, there were no surveyors nor no word from them, but we found the country full of buffalo. It was grand to see them, for as far as we could see, from White Rock across the timber east of Dallas, as well as far north as we could see was a solid mass of moving buffalo going north. We stayed there only a short time as our trip proved to be futile, so we went back to our families. After marking and collecting a supply of provisions, and an old steel mill to grind our corn with to get meal for bread, I paid $6.00 for it, which was a very big price, in fact, he knew how to charge, and after making other arrangements, I put my wife and children in a two horse wagon with our supplies and started for the block house, and landed there the last day of August 1842. I had two yoke of oxen to the wagon. The day before I got there, to the block house, one of my oxen took the murrain and died very suddenly. But I continued on to my journey's end in the night. The buffalo were still there. I turned the other three oxen loose, but they soon ran away, not liking to be in the same range with the buffalo. I got three men to accompany us on this trip; William

Larner, who settled on Elm Fork in the Farmers Branch neighborhood and the other two were from Arkansas, whose names I have forgotten, both nice men and a good friend to me.

When we got back to the Block House, there was not a half dozen men in the country. Colonel Bryan and a Captain Gilbert were in Dallas, all others, what few there were, were transients looking at the country and going back. I had notified John that my oxen were gone, and he came to help me hunt for them, but not finding them, he came on out to where I was. And as it so happened there was a yoke of oxen to be taken into the settlements. We got them and hitched them to the wagon and went back for John's family. This was about the last of September. We got started back and got about six miles from home and stopped to camp on the road of what we afterwards called the McDermett Branch. We chained the oxen to a wagon wheel. In the night they must have gotten scared at buffalo, they broke the wheel. We then had to go back and mend it, which we did and then made another start. This trip cost me a great deal of uneasiness as I had to leave my wife and two children with only one man to stay with them in day time and Colonel Bryan at night. This man's name was John Pulliam. It took three weeks to make the trip. When I got back home my wife told me that as soon as Pulliam got his breakfast of a morning he would take his gun and go hunting and leave her and the two children alone until night a good deal of the time. But when I got back and found all well, and that they had not been molested by the Indians, I was truly thankful, as I knew they had been protected by God's Providence. My wife told me that Bryan never failed to be with them at night, but would leave every morning, as he had told me he would do. I thought Pulliam treated me badly as he had promised he would stay with them all of the time, but after finding no damage had been done, I said nothing about it. We left brother John in Lamar County. He stayed until the next summer, then came back. Henry Harter brought his herd of cattle out on this trip. Quite a number of them died with murrain on the way, but he got out with about 100 head. John and I were to take care of them for him. Those were the first cattle brought except work oxen. The range in the river and creek bottoms was all one's heart could wish for. The wild rye was thick and plenty, and green

as the finest wheat fields could be all winter. John's family and mine lived in the block house until we built another house close by. I had selected me a place about a mile southwest of the block house and built a house in the timber where there was a fine pool of water with plenty of fish in it. By this time we had become somewhat careless and would venture further than we had before, so in order to be convenient to my work I built a camp and moved on the place before I built the house.

We had a great deal of rain that winter, 1842-43. One day it rained all day, so I could neither work nor hunt, for if we had any meat I had to kill it in the woods. At this time we had none. We had been living on corn bread, corn coffee and hominy with nothing to season it with, but salt, for several days. On this occasion we had been laying up all day, it rained so hard that we had no dinner on account of the rain. About sunset it slackened up and my wife stepped out behind the camp to get a vessel to get dinner with, when she said, "Run Jimmy, - which she always called me, - there is a deer right out yonder". I got my gun and shot it. Henry Long, who was living with us helped me set the dogs on its trail. They ran it about 300 yards and caught it. We brought it to the camp and in less time than it takes me to tell this we had its hide off and the wife had the pot ready and soon we were feasting on fine venison, hominy, corn dodger and coffee made of the same material. The deer had two fauns with her. The next morning Long went out and killed one of them, so we had meat at our house. Of course, we divided with Brother John's family. We made our corn meal by grinding it on the steel mill I just told you about buying, or we beat it in a wooden mortar with a spring pole. We did not have any seasoning except salt. My wife sifted the first out for bread and the rest was grits which she boiled for hominy. The bran was browned for coffee, on which we lived many days at a time. The only meat we had was what I killed in the woods, and often I failed to get any. The deer were very wild and very little other game, except some time a turkey or a stray buffalo, too poor to be good to eat, with an occasional oppossum. I went ahead and laid the foundation for my house, and put in a floor made of puncheons out of the post oak that I split and hewed. After I got the floor laid I built the house, or rather, raised it and hewed the logs, - walls - down inside and out. I then lined the cracks with

clapboards by fastening them on the cracks with wooden pegs and wedges. I would drive a chisel into the logs and then drive the wedge after the chisel. Such a thing as nails was not be had in those days. When we covered a house, we used what we called "ribs" and "weight poles". By now, as well as I can remember, it was January 1843. After building the house I cleared a piece of ground on which to raise a crop. And, I grew a fine crop of corn and some garden truck.

Another incident I may relate here is, while my wife and children were sleeping one morning, I got up very early and took my gun and slipped out and went hunting, as we were out of meat. I got about a mile from home and saw a deer busy feeding, I drew on it and at the fire of the gun, it fell dead. There was a faun following it and before I went to the dead deer, I shot three times at the faun before I killed it. As soon as I killed it I gathered it up and started home, but did not get far until I met my wife carrying one of the children and leading the other, coming to meet me to see if the Indians had killed me. Hearing the shots so often made her think I was in a fight with them. We went back to the house and got breakfast. Then she went back with me to help me bring the deer home, as it was more than I could carry. I have said that Henry Harter brought his cattle out when brother John moved. He got John and myself to attend to them. The cattle ranged in White Rock bottom. We would drive them home every few days, and as the time went on, they would graze a little farther from home, possibly three or four miles up the creek. I often amused myself after getting the bell cow started, by hiding behind a tree and waiting for some of the young ones to come along, so I could jump out and scare them as they passed, or throw my hat at them. This was fun for me and I would laugh heartily while not knowing that at the same time an Indian might dart an arrow through me. I think the first Sunday after we came to White Rock, brother John and nephew, John S. Beeman, and we went over the creek to look at the country, for a crossing. We took the Indian trail through the bottom, and while going along we discovered a moccasin track in the trail as it had rained the night before, and while we were parleying about it, we heard what we took to be an old musket snap at us. We then moved on, watching, but we did not see any more

tracks. We went out to the prairie and continued our walk for some two miles, when we came to a post oak grove and found a gang of deer. I killed one, and after looking a little more, we took our deer and went back home. This grove is now known as the home of G. W. Glover. By the time we killed the deer, we had about forgotten about any Indian signs, the ones we saw in the morning. We got back all right, and had a good appetite for venison.

In the summer of 1843, some emigrants came in and settled about in different parts of the county. Among them was John Hewit and Jeff Tilley at Cedar Springs. William Cochran on Farmers Branch, also Thomas Keenan, and others in the same neighborhood. William Coombes and a Mr. Leonard with their families on the west side of the river in the neighborhood of Captain Gilbert, who had previously settled there. In the spring of 1843, General Sam Houston, who was at this time President of the Republic of Texas, came out to meet the Indians at Bird's Fort to make a treaty of peace with them, as they were still hostile. He wanted me to go as a guide to the Fort, which I did. He had about thirty men with him as a guard, among them was John H. Reagan. Reagan was taken sick at White Rock so was left at my brother John Beeman's. As soon as he was able to travel he went back to his home in East Texas.

The Indians refused to meet at the Fort, fearing there was a trap set for them, so they moved down on Elm Fork where the Indians met the commission that Houston appointed to treaty with them. Houston having official business at the seat of Government. A treaty was effected, after which we began to feel much safer, but not entirely so for awhile at least.

All this time we saw very hard times in the way of living. I still had to depend upon my gun for the most of our meat, also for wearing apparel. I dressed in deer skin pants, hunting shirts and moccasins. My wife carding, spinning and weaving cotton for shirts. I would sit up of nights and finger and pick the seed out of the cotton for her to spin the next day, and she would sit and card rolls for spinning the next day. While the buffalo continued to come into the country I could kill one once in a while and had

tolerable fair living but this was rather uncertain. I would use the upper part of their hides to sole my moccasins. We called it "brogan". It was done by cutting a sole out of the raw hide and sewing it on the bottom of the moccasin. This was quite an advantage, as the soles would last quite a while in dry weather. In wet weather they would stretch out of shape.

In July 1842 the colony grant was extended by an extension of twelve miles further east, including us, but we Beemans remained where we were on our claims, got our lands surveyed by the county surveyor, A. C. Walker, and by a special act of the Legislature of 1850 got our patents. I could give names of first settlers who came to the county after 1845, but I think this will be done by some one else who will be more competent to do it than I am. As to the history of the organization of the county, there are others who will do that also.

In the year 1843, John S. Beeman came back from Lamar County, and that fall he and myself moved across White Rock and began our settlements. I had found that my first improvements were on an old survey. For awhile both of us lived together in the house we built for him, and worked together, after which we built a house for me. We settled on sections 22 and 21, which was patented to us. I was on 22 and continued to live on it until in 1854 when I went to Parker County, and was there when the county was organized. Lived there nine years. On my Dallas County place I planted the first peach orchard that was planted in that part of the county, and had an abundance of peaches so my neighbors could get all they wanted, and we had plenty for our own use. On this place my wife died the 8th day of March 1848, and was buried on the northeast corner of my land. She had borne to me six children, four girls and two boys. In the spring of 1848 I went to California, and returned in 1850. I had then only four living children. Had lost the first, a son, in Illinois. The second, a girl, died a few days after she was born. On my return from California I went on my place with the children and kept house with them until the 29th day of November 1851, when I and Elizabeth Baker, who was teaching school in the neighborhood, were married. After our marriage she had three children, two girls and one boy. I will now give the names of the first six children: William Crawford

Beeman, who died in Illinois. He was born the 28th day of September 1837. Mary Jane, born in Illinois, was the baby when we came to Texas, born on the 3rd day of March 1839. Emily Elvira was born in Bowie County, Texas, the 8th day of January 1841. The infant that died so young was born October 1843 in Dallas County, Texas. We named it Genett. Francis Marion was born November 1844 in Dallas County, Texas. Melissa Anice was born November 15th, 1846 and died February 26, 1861, in Parker County, Texas. By my second wife, the first child was a girl named Lydia Angeline, born in Dallas County, Texas, November 13, 1852, and died January 29, 1853. Charles Artemas was born in Dallas County, also, January 24th 1854. Sarah Elizabeth born in Parker County, Texas, March 9th, 1857. These are the names and number of all of my children. Up to the present date, the number of grandchildren is 34, and great-grandchildren are 14. On this the 24th of December, 1886, only four of my own children now are living - to wit, Emily E. Baker, Francis Marion, Charles Artemas, and Sarah E. Sweet. The number of grandchildren now living is 26 and great-grandchildren six.

Signed - James J. Beeman

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